

# What is a "vanilla web interface"?

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Someone told me to look into "vanilla web interface". I have Googled it, but didn't find any relevant result, at least that was I thought. What is it?



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The term "vanilla" usually refers to something that's plain and unadorned (from vanilla ice-cream) or perhaps simple (as in basic), so they're asking you to look into a "simple web interface" without any unnecessary complications.



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- 4 And they probably mean that it doesn't *rely on* JavaScript, DOM manipulation, and Ajax, just "vanilla" HTML (perhaps with CSS). Not to say you can't have a "vanilla" interface that gets improved if JavaScript and such are available ("progressive/incremental enhancement" aka "graceful degradation"). – [T.J. Crowder](#) Sep 27, 2009 at 10:16
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Considering the [Vanilla software](#) entry on wikipedia, which states (*quoting*) :

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Vanilla software is computer software that is not customized from its delivered form - i.e. it is used without any customizations applied to it.

Vanilla software can become a widespread de facto industry standard, widely used by businesses and individuals.



I'm guessing "Vanilla Web interface" corresponds to the default interface of a web application, not customized or anything.

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They mean web 1.0 interface, usually just text and tables, sometimes CSS.

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