

Lab 1

In this lab, we're going to turn off JavaScript so we can appreciate what it does. As they say, you never really appreciate what you have until it's gone :)

Part 1. Turn off JavaScript

You can use either Ice Weasel or Chromium (to launch Chromium, type chromium& at the terminal.)

To turn off JavaScript in Iceweasel, go to Edit -> Preferences

Then go to the Content tab.

Uncheck "Enable JavaScript".

To turn off JavaScript in Chromium, type chrome://settings/content into the URL bar. Then select the option "Do not allow any site to run JavaScript".

Part 2. Get on the Web

Try and use the internet as you usually would. Some websites like Facebook and Twitter won't even let you use the desktop version of their websites without JavaScript. Look around at other websites like The New York Times, Al Jazeera, and the Gaza Sky Geeks page. Your job is to come up with at least 5 things that are different when JavaScript is turned on and off. You might have to turn it on and off a few times and go back and forth to really see the differences.

Hint: It might help to keep JavaScript on in one browser and turn it off in the other so you can compare side-by-side.