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HopelessN00b

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Robinicks

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2 @hmemcpy's answer indicates that this can be done, but why? – [ceejayoz](#) May 11 '09 at 13:38

"why do you have to tell the browser that" <--- you don't. All modern browsers will assume http:// if you do not explicitly type it. Like everyone else, I'm not entirely sure what your reason is for wanting to do this. I don't see what you could gain from it. – [ThatGraemeGuy](#) Sep 3 '10 at 13:23

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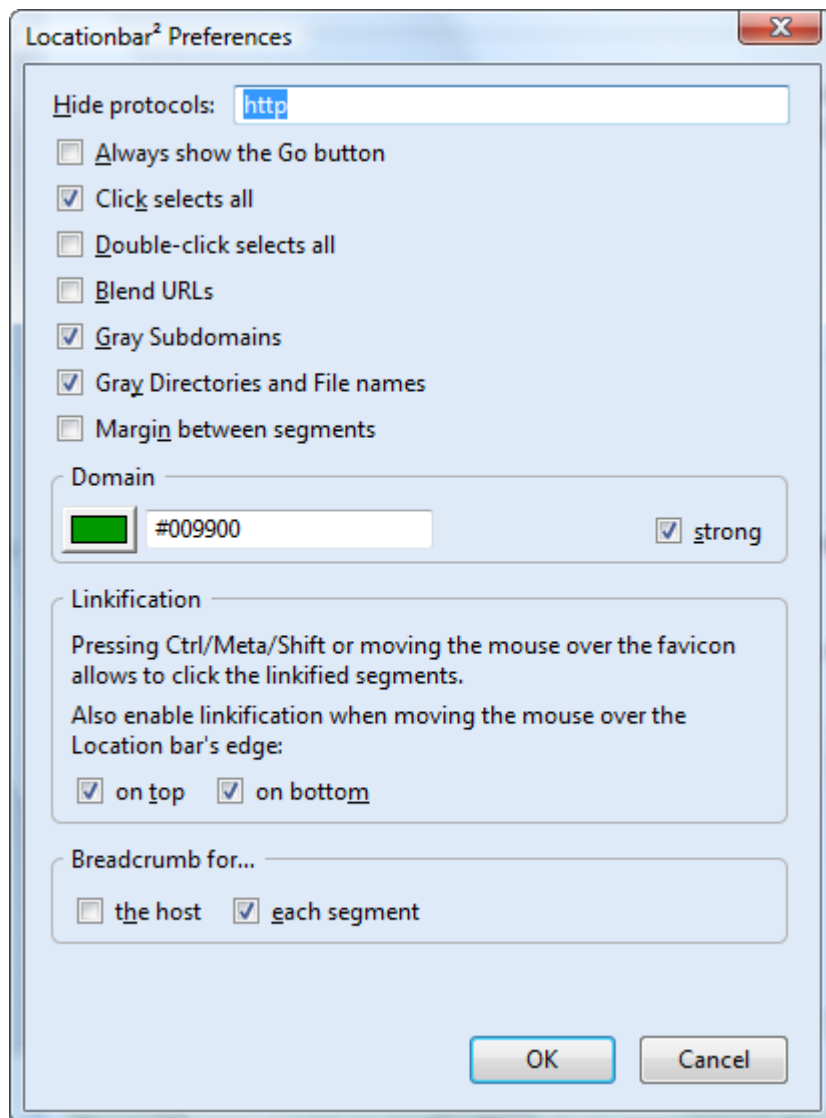
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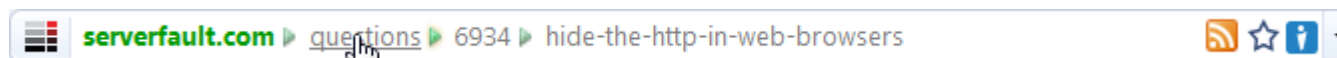
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Here is what mine looks like:



edited Feb 21 '12 at 8:35

answered May 11 '09 at 13:23

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There's just one problem. The hidden protocols reappear when editing and on rollover. So its not totally invisible :) – [Robinicks](#) May 12 '09 at 5:53

1 Well... yeah :) But now I'd like to ask as well, why do you want to have it disappear completely? – [Igal Tabachnik](#) May 12 '09 at 6:57

16 The HTTP:// string is not a *prefix* of the URL, it's *part* of the URL. Which is why you can't (and shouldn't) hide it, since the application is displaying the URL.

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answered May 11 '09 at 12:39

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5 99% might use the HTTP protocol, but there's a lot more than 1% that use HTTP over TLS (ie HTTPS) and they're on different ports, so the browser needs to know which port to open.

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Also, the browser **does** guess it.

answered May 11 '09 at 9:40

 [Richard Gadsden](#)
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I know this, I wanted a way to HIDE the http:// prefix if that was in the current URL. – [Robinicks](#) May 11 '09 at 9:42

So, you want to control the display of the http:// prefix in the address bar of the users browser ? – [Dave Cheney](#) May 11 '09 at 10:18

Exactly. Hide it. Permanently, unless the current URL is not using the HTTP protocol. – [Robinicks](#) May 11 '09 at 10:20

In the case of HTTPS, it could just display a lock icon someplace. – [Robinicks](#) May 11 '09 at 10:23

@Jenko: for https i'd like that browsers shows "https" and not only a lock. the lock can be spoofed by a favicon. – [petrus](#) Aug 20 '11 at 8:41

2 Google Chrome 6 now does precisely what you asked for. It was released yesterday (2 September 2010).

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answered Sep 3 '10 at 11:25

**Richard Gadsden**
3,646 4 24 58

1 Most browser do guess at it. If you enter an address without HTTP:// prefix it will add it on for you.

vote It would be a browser feature to hide this, and as far as I know, no browsers offer this.

edited May 11 '09 at 9:55

answered May 11 '09 at 9:40

**Sam Cogan**
32.8k 5 70 111

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1 There is no way to do this, that I know of, on any of the modern browsers.

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answered May 11 '09 at 10:02
user1797

What a pity! Wish someone would write a Firefox addon to do just that! It would be the most popular addon of all time and they might just consider implementing it into the browser. – **Robinicks** May 11 '09 at 10:19

This is a GOOD THING. The ability for web sites to change what is appearing in the address bar would just make phishing so much easier. – **Richard** May 11 '09 at 12:25

1 Richard, I think Jeremy is after a client-side setting for this. For example, with Google Chrome, http is displayed grey, whilst https is displayed green (or red) - I think he wants to take this a step further and simply only show non-HTTP protocols (and possibly using an icon rather than the code/abbr). – **Peter Boughton** May 11 '09 at 12:32

@Peter: Exactly! – **Robinicks** May 12 '09 at 5:24

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This is not possible with any browser that is currently shipping, even if it was, you wouldn't be able to control that setting via the javascript DOM.

The closest I can think is with a javascript driven popup, which can *suggest* to the browser that it should hide the url bar. However popups are very much out of vogue.

answered May 11 '09 at 10:37



Dave Cheney

16.9k 6 43 54

3 ... and newer browsers ignore the hide address bar in popup option to avoid phishing and other attacks. – **Richard** May 11 '09 at 12:32

Exactly, so that technique is unlikely to be effective. – **Dave Cheney** May 11 '09 at 13:27

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If you're unhappy with the browsers out there, roll your own. Firefox and Chrome are both open-source, so most of the work is already done for you.

answered Sep 3 '10 at 12:27



gWaldo

11.5k 7 35 67

Wouldn't count this as helpful. – **stevenvh** Sep 3 '10 at 12:56

I'm not saying it to be an ass; I'm saying it in case he legitimately hasn't considered it. – **gWaldo** Sep 3 '10 at 14:48

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My vote is definitely for the new Google Chrome. It will hide the "http://"; however, show https, ftp or any other protocol that you feed it.

answered Sep 3 '10 at 12:46



Braden

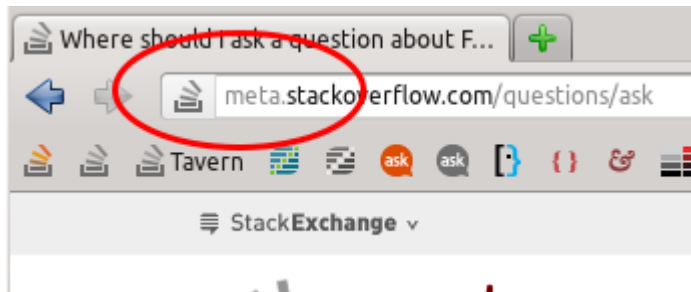
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0 Just thought I'd add that Firefox 7 now does this by default also -- though it's still in beta.

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answered Aug 20 '11 at 6:29



M. Tibbits

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