

- [very interesting article on Internet Explorer and it's history on arstechnica.com](#)

## A few thoughts on that

- We can not afford not to support IE
  - SINCE: IE has a userbase of ~60%, Gecko~20%, WebKit ~15% (see Diagram below)
- IE-Versions can roughly be assigned to Windows-Versions
  - IE8->Win7, IE7->Win Vista, IE6->XP
- Short introduction: Current Browsers
  - Firefox, Netscape, Mozilla<sup>1</sup>, Camino, ... -> Gecko
  - Safari, Chrome/Chromium, Konqueror<sup>2</sup>, ... -> WebKit
  - [IE9](#), IE8, IE7, IE6 -> completely different things
- Remarks:
  - <sup>1</sup> is named SeaMonkey now
  - <sup>2</sup> supports KHTML and WebKit, WebKit is a Fork of KHTML
- Even Microsoft campaigns against IE6:
  - [You wouldn't drink 9 year old milk](#)
- Short introduction: Web-Technologies
  - [HTML](#), [XHTML](#), [HTML5](#) - past, present, future (Content)
  - [CSS1](#), [CSS2.1](#), [CSS3](#) - cool, cooler, coolest (Presentation)
  - [DOM1](#), [DOM2](#), [DOM3](#) -> Document Object Model (API)
  - [PNG](#), [SVG](#), [XSL](#) -> Special Task Force
  - [Acid1](#), [Acid2](#), [Acid3](#), [html5test](#) -> Test-Suites

## Support for Web-Technologies

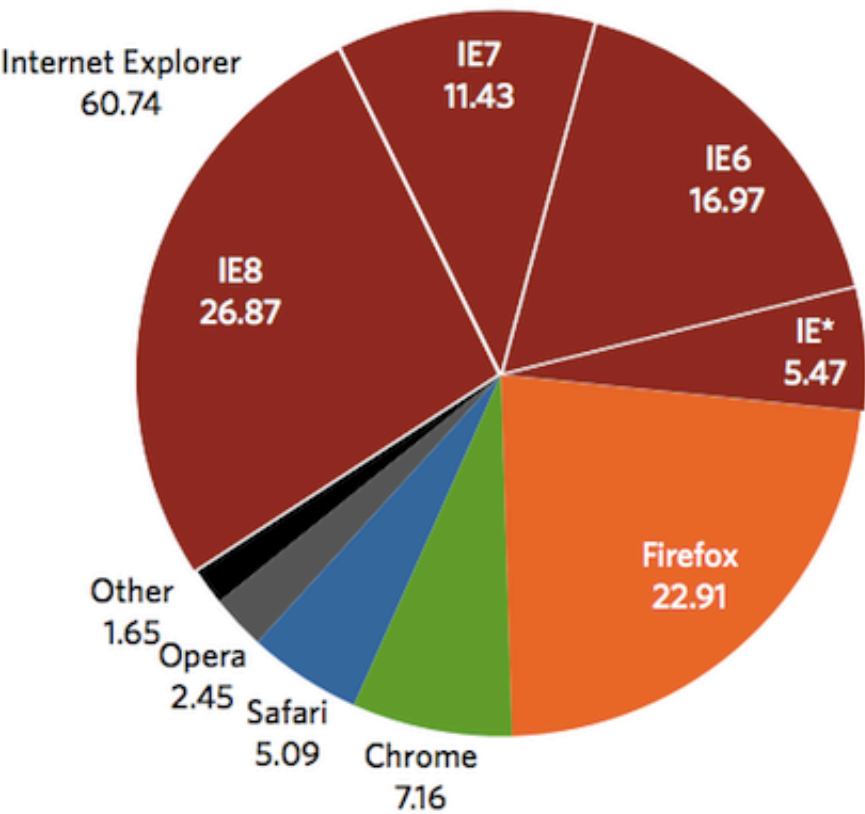
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( Yes = Full or de facto full,
  Bad = Partial,
  No = None,
  XXX = Wrong implementation )
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( * = IE supports VML however )
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	IE6	IE7	IE8	IE9	Gecko	Webkit	Lynx
HTML	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
XHTML	Bad	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HTML5	No	Bad	Bad	OK	OK	Yes	No
CSS1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
CSS2	XXX	Bad	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
CSS3	No	No	Bad	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
DOM1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
DOM2	XXX	?	?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
DOM3	No	No	No	Bad	Bad	Bad	No
PNG	No	Bad	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
SVG	No*	No*	No*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
XSL	Bad	Bad	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Math	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No

# Worldwide browser share: July 2010

Percent



Source: Net Applications



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