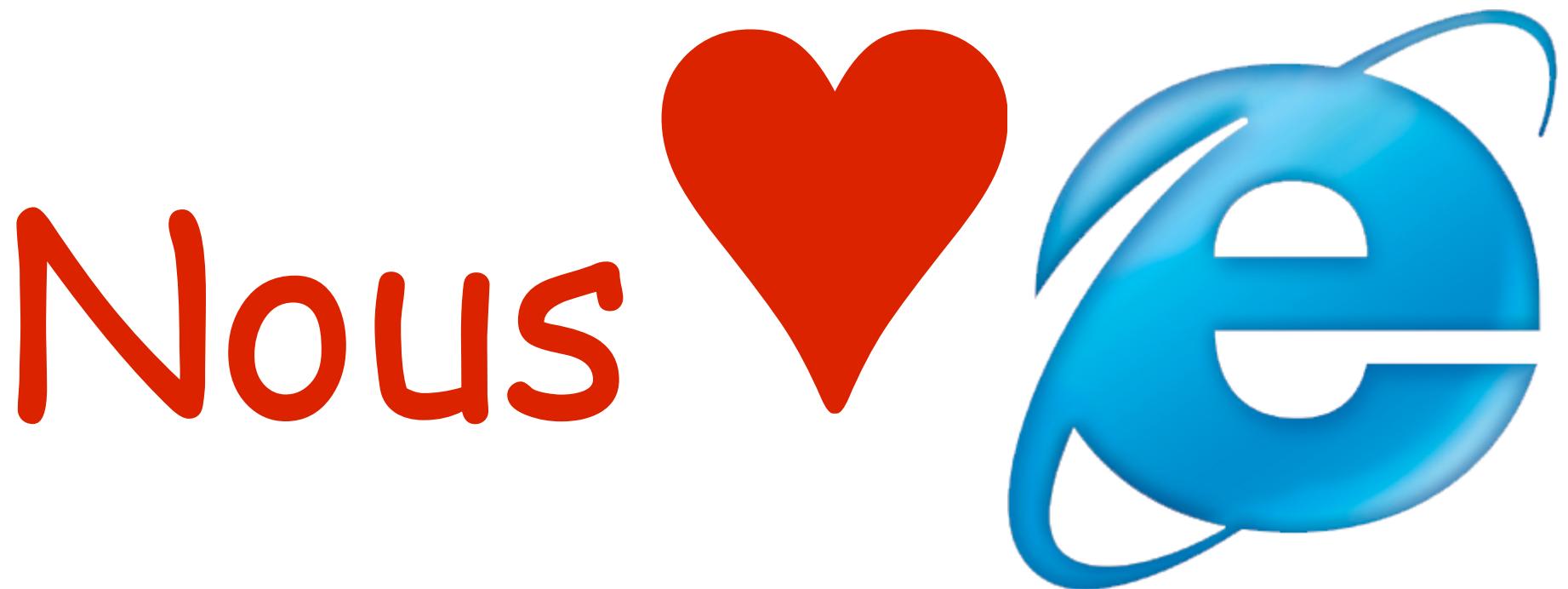


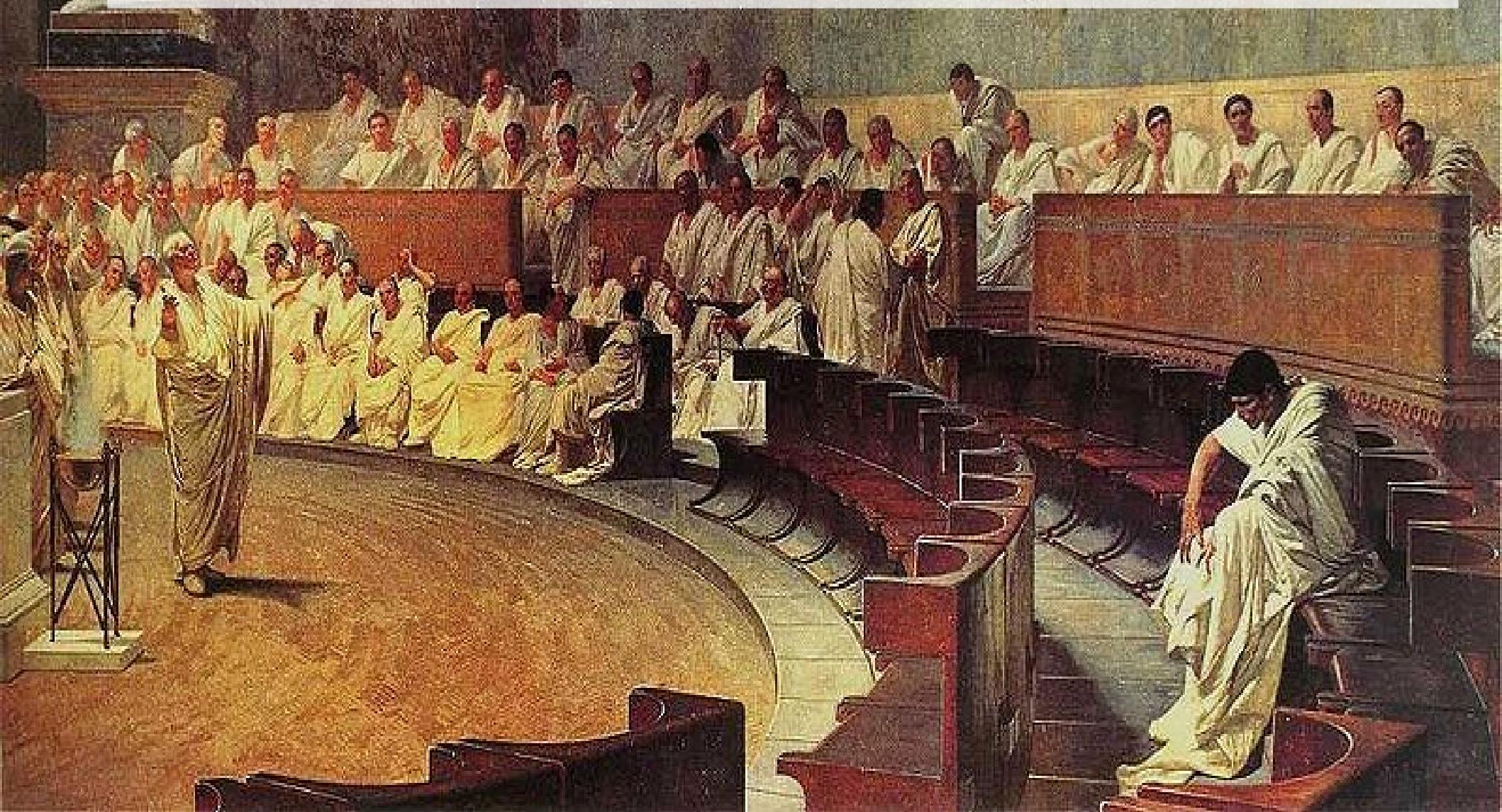
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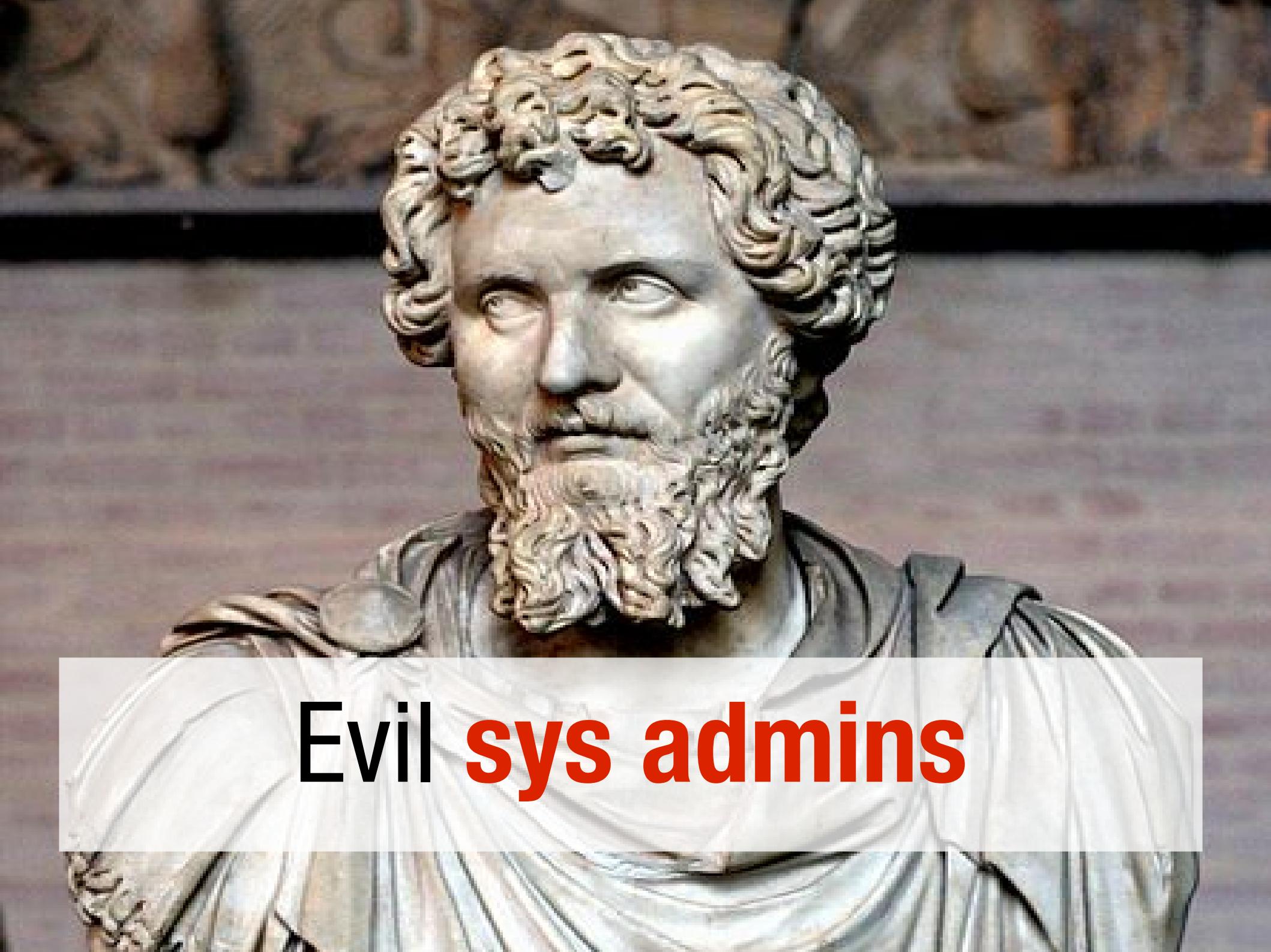
Bruce Lawson



# Ancient history



NETSCAPE  
RIP  
MURDERED  
BY  
INTERNET EXPLORER



**Evil sys admins**

# Evil Enterprise Software vendors





## Why?

**Enough is enough.** Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 was released in late 2001. For its time, it was a decent browser, but in 2009, it is still in use by a significant portion of the web population, and its time is now up.

As any web developer will tell you, working with IE 6 is one of the most difficult and frustrating things they have to deal with on a daily basis, taking up a disproportionate amount of their time. Beyond that, IE 6's support for modern web standards is very lacking, restricting what developers can create and holding the web back.

## What?

This website is run by a group of people who want to see IE 6 disappear as soon as possible. To help make that happen, we're encouraging the IE 6 users of our websites to upgrade to a more modern browser, so they can have a better experience using our sites and browsing the web.

# **⚠ CAUTION**



**REALITY  
CHECK  
APPROACHING:  
ACCEPTED HISTORY  
IS  
WRONG**

October 1998



# Netscape Communicator 4.5



Loading preferences...

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# For the Good of the Web: An Open Letter to Netscape

(20 July 2000)

TWO YEARS AGO, when your market share was still high as a kite, you pledged to fully support five key standards in the next version of your browser...

At last you are talking about shipping product by the end of the year. Sounds great – except that it's the wrong year.



Continuing to periodically “upgrade” your old browser while **failing to address its basic flaws** has made it appear that you still consider Navigator 4 viable. It is not. ... keeping your 4.0 browser on the market has **forced developers to continue writing bad code** in order to support it.

If you fail now, **the web will essentially belong to a single company**. And for once, nobody will be able to blame them for “competing unfairly.”

So please, for your own good, and **the good of the web**, deliver on your promises while **Netscape 6 still has the chance to make a difference**.

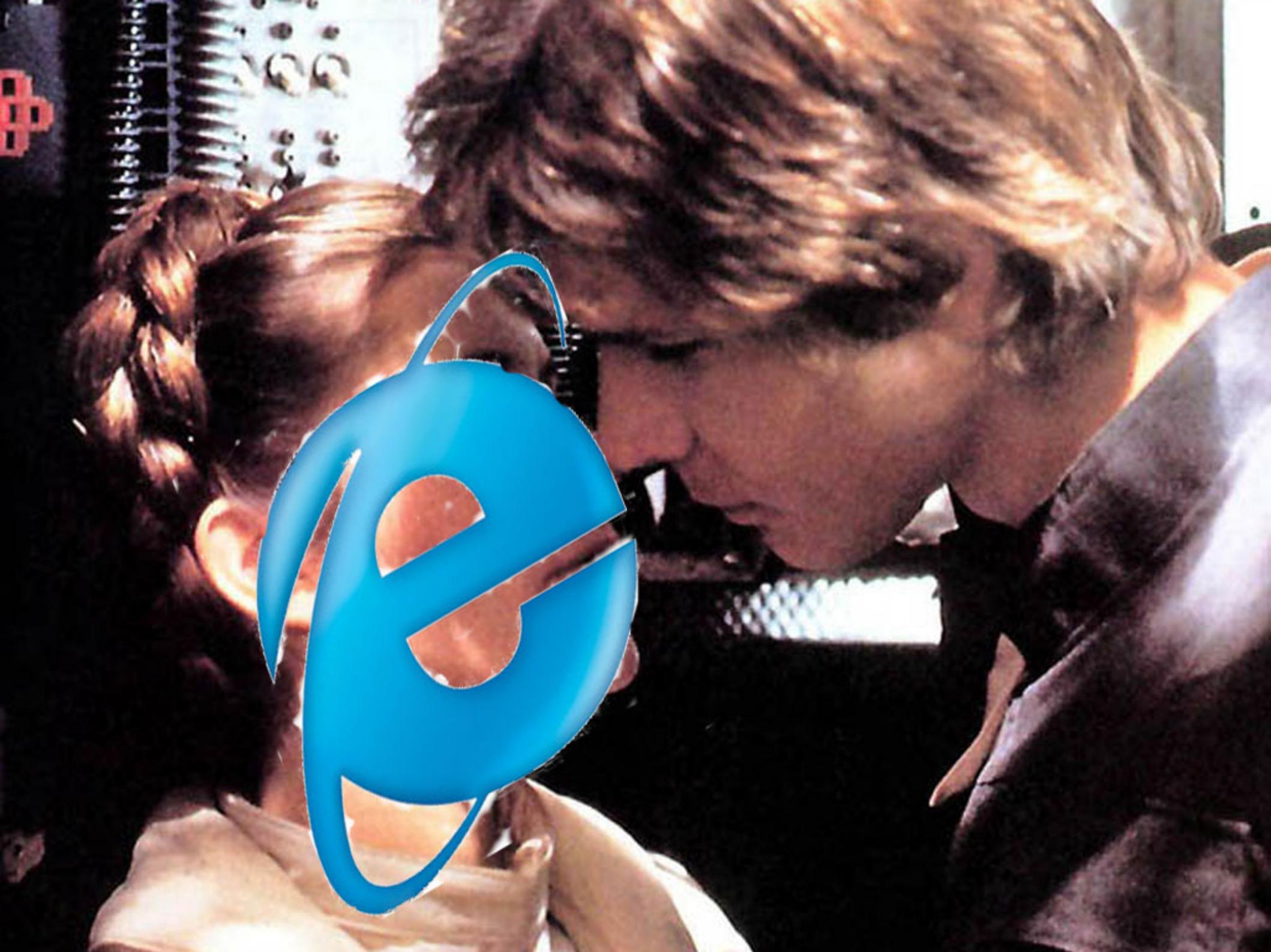






# Internet Explorer 6 beta shows **great promise**

[www.techrepublic.com/article/internet-explorer-6-beta-shows-great-promise/1033023](http://www.techrepublic.com/article/internet-explorer-6-beta-shows-great-promise/1033023)



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Microsoft Internet Explorer offers few quirks and many superb features... After introducing IE-only layout features such as scrolling marquees and colored table borders in earlier versions, **Microsoft is now committed to the standards set by the World Wide Web Consortium.**

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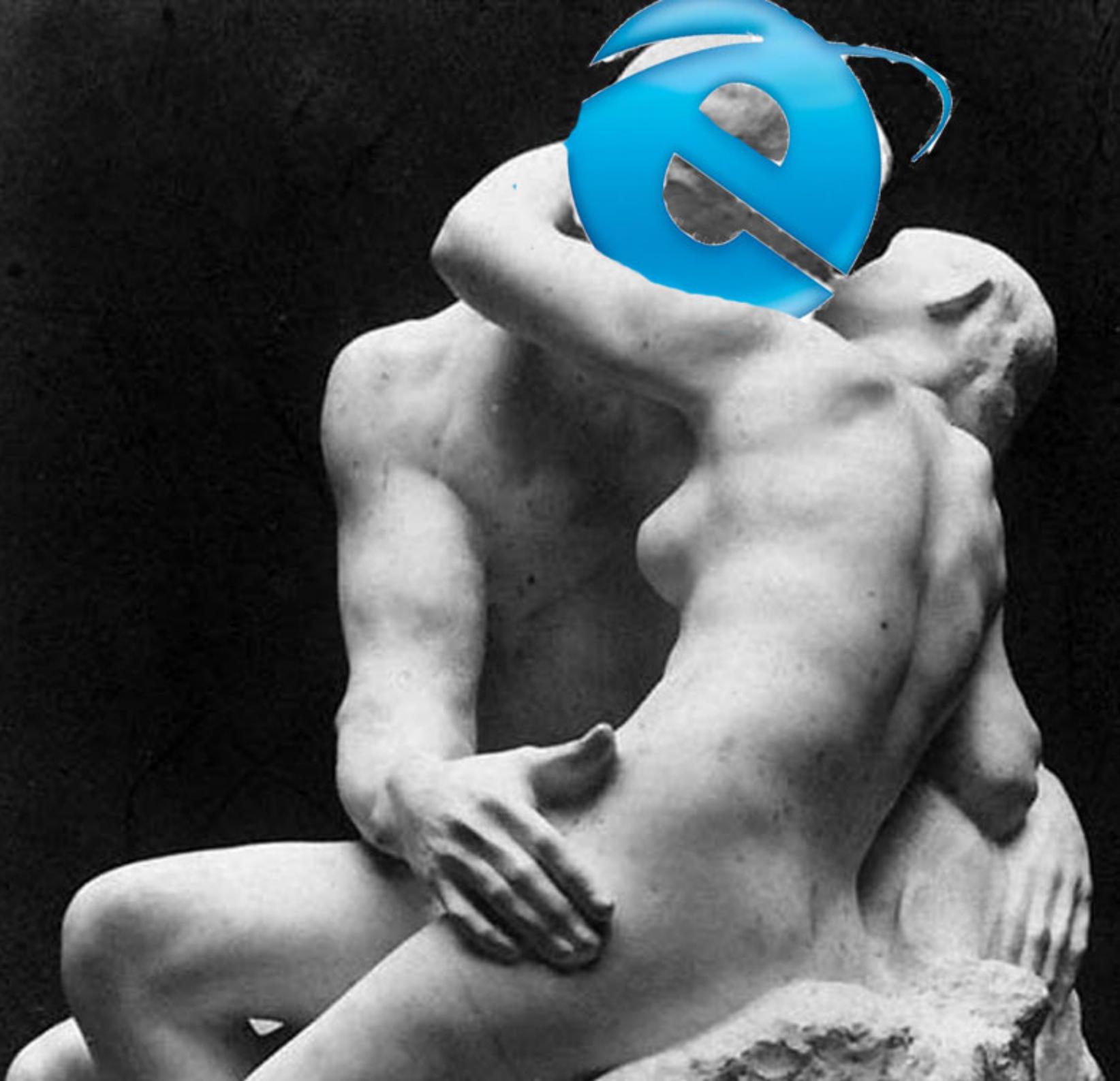


# WaSP

IE6 for Windows delivers **fine support for HTML 4, CSS-1, and other important W3C standards.**

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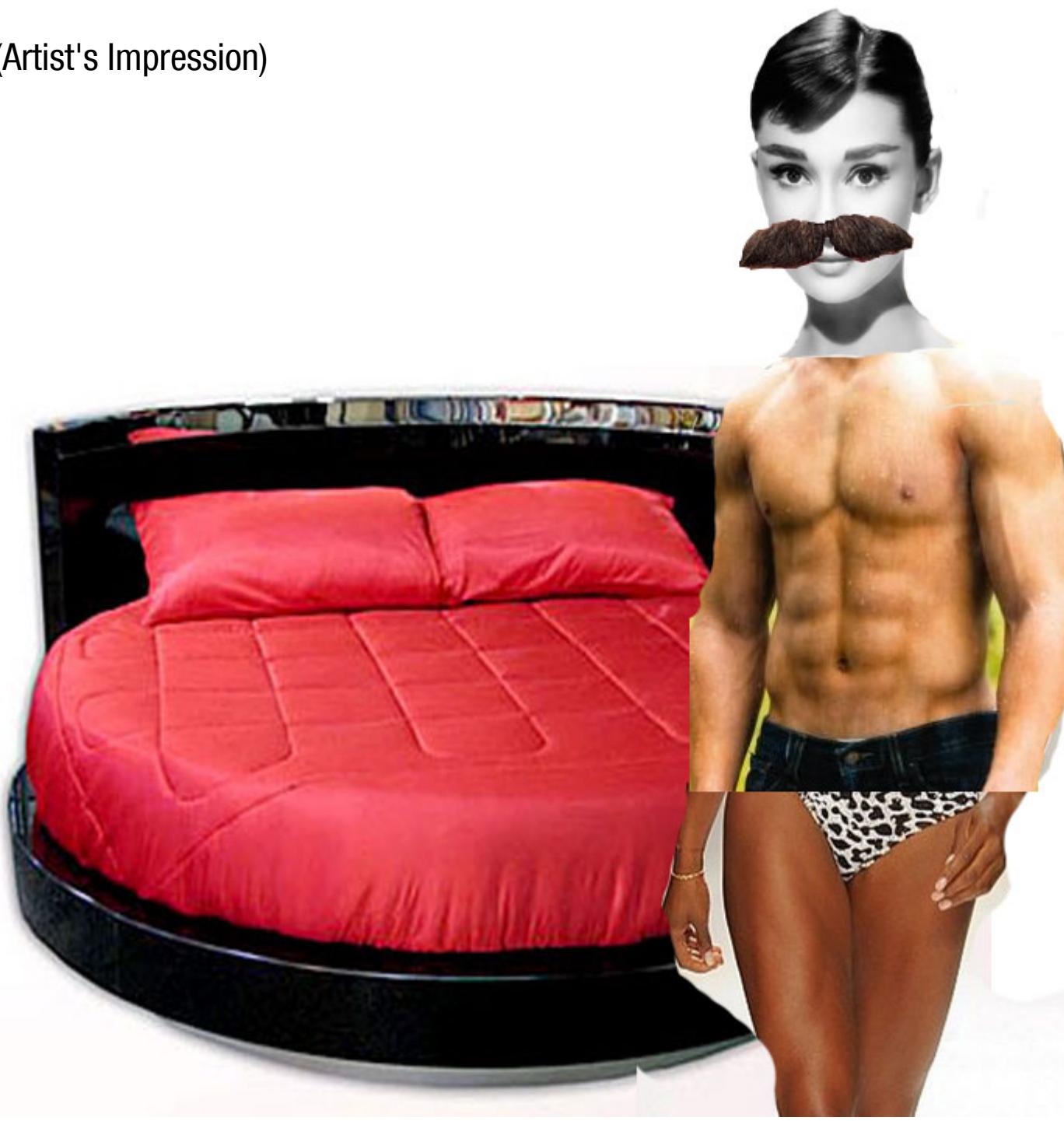
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Scott Stearns  
Test Manager, IE  
[blogs.msdn.com/b/ie/archive/2004/07/21/190747.aspx](http://blogs.msdn.com/b/ie/archive/2004/07/21/190747.aspx)



(Artist's Impression)



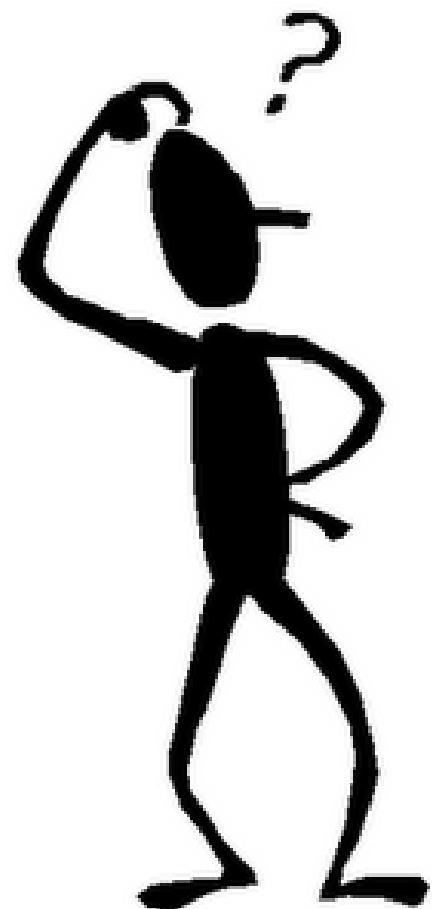
- DOCTYPE switching (for broken box model)
- HTML Components (.htc files)
- CSS Expressions
- Coloured scroll bars
- IE filters and DHTML behaviors
- 





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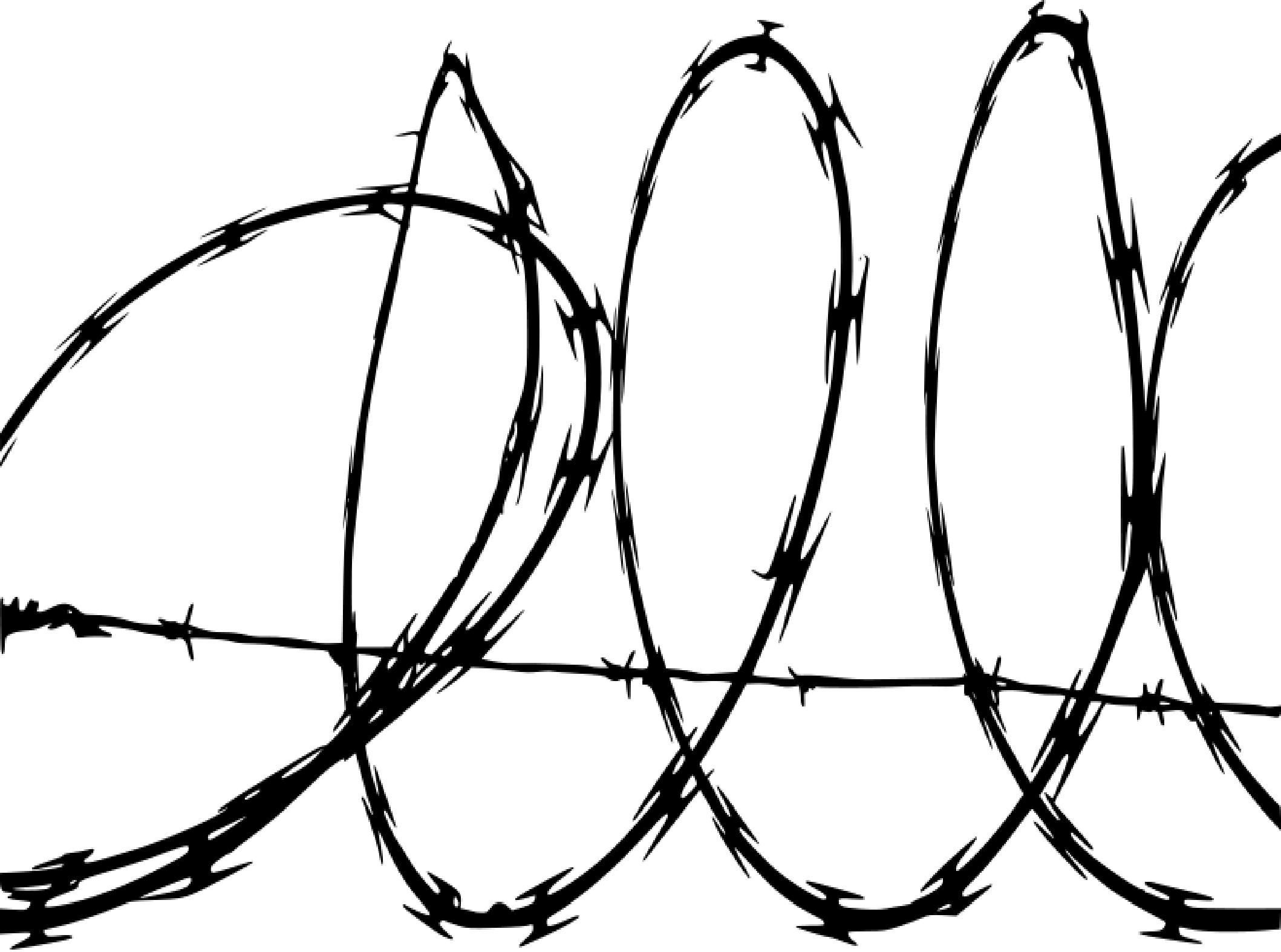
# Why?





**Hell is other browsers**

"The browser is a really hostile programming environment."

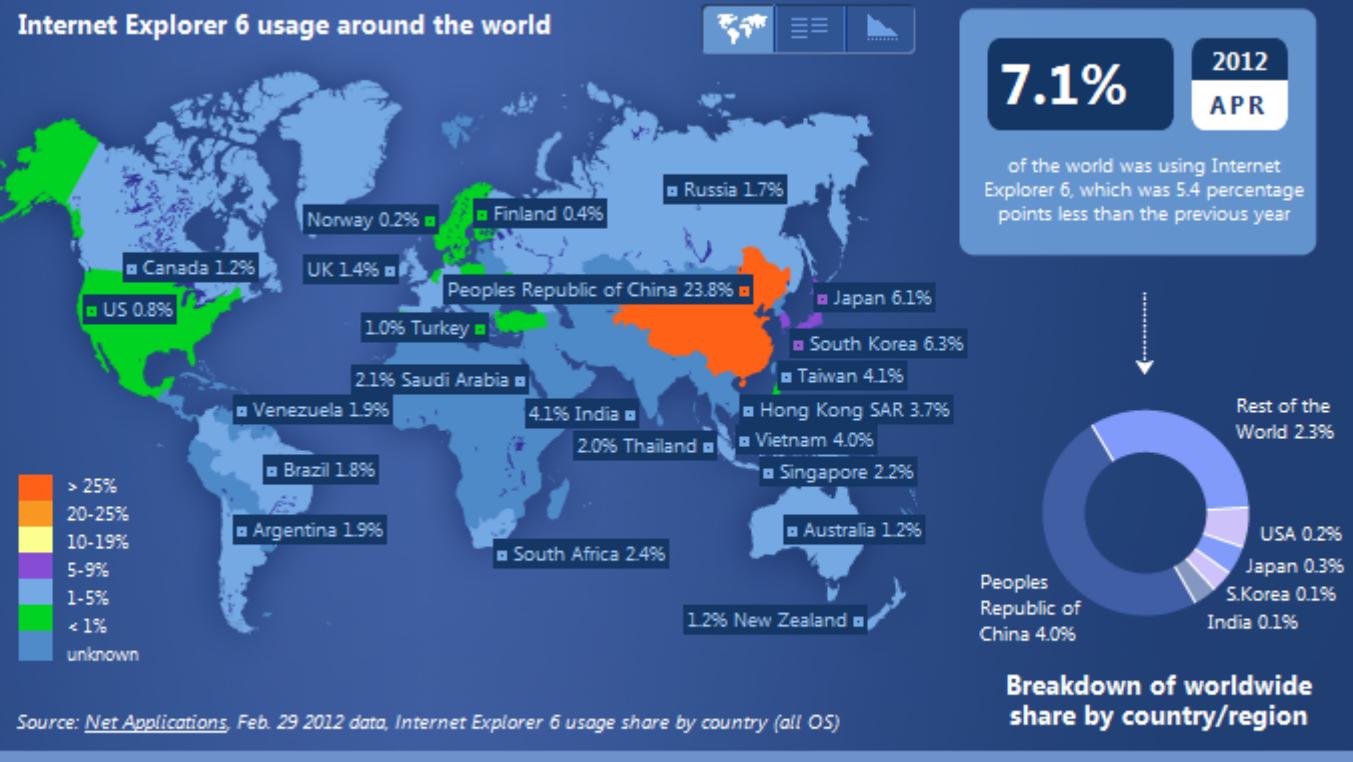


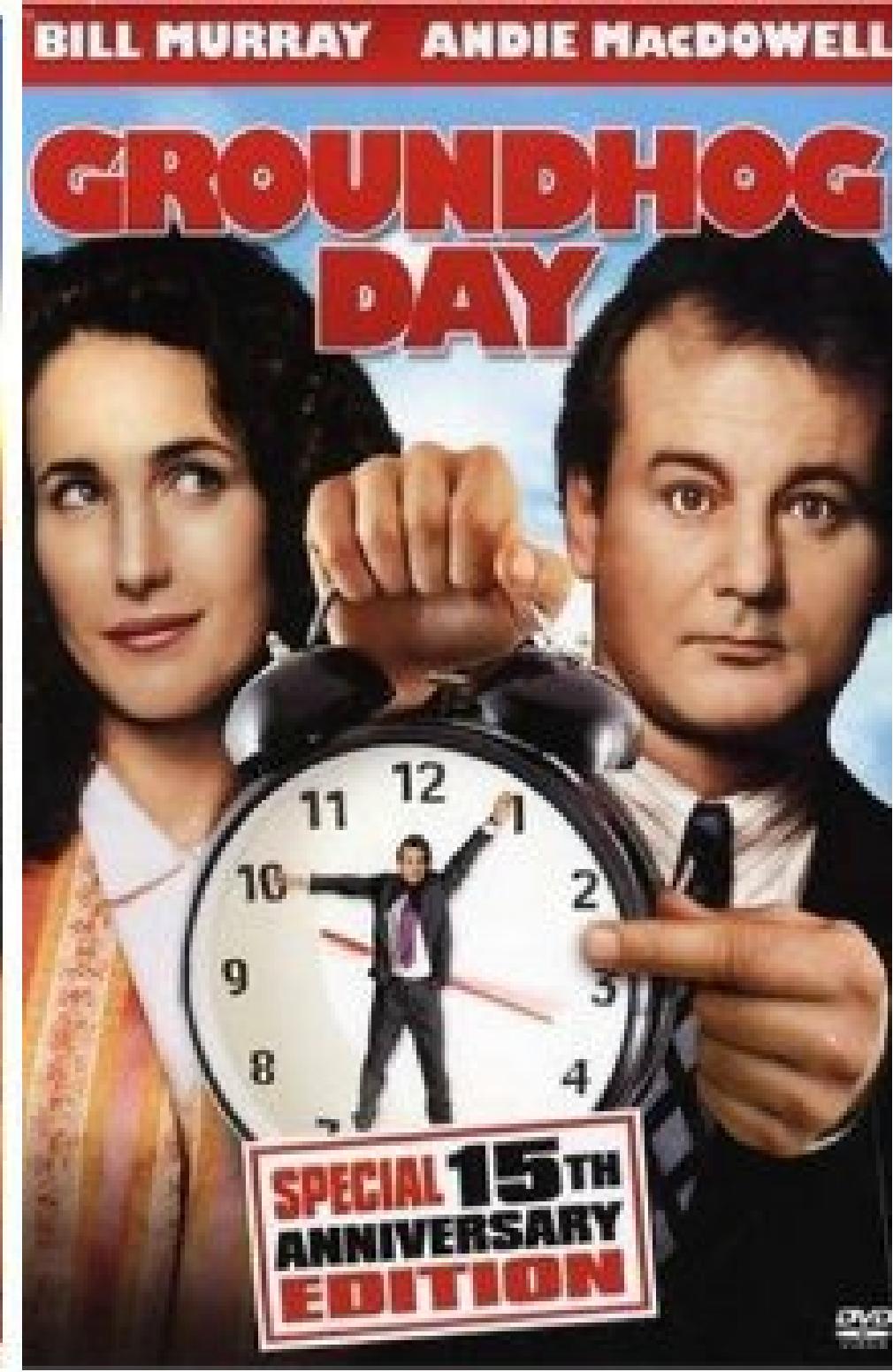
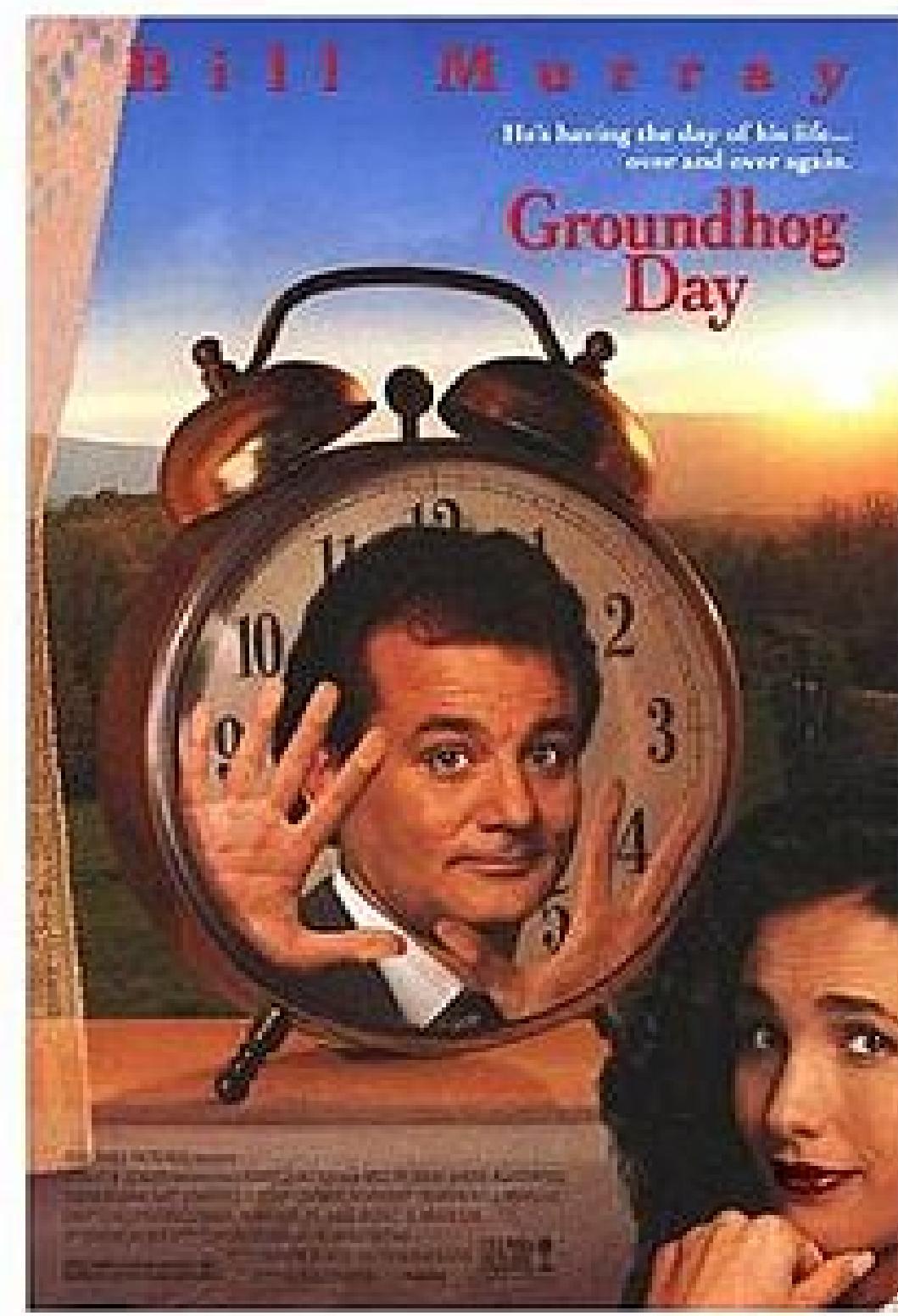
10 years ago a browser was born.

Its name was Internet Explorer 6. Now that we're in 2012, in an era of modern web standards, it's time to say goodbye.

This website is dedicated to watching Internet Explorer 6 usage drop to **less than 1% worldwide**, so more websites can choose to drop support for Internet Explorer 6, saving hours of work for web developers.

## Here's what you can do.

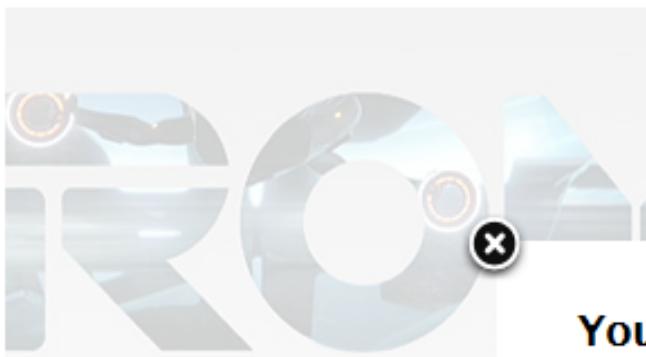




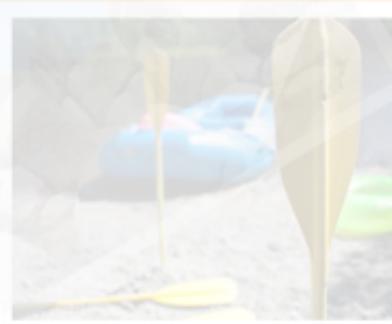


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Video



Transitions



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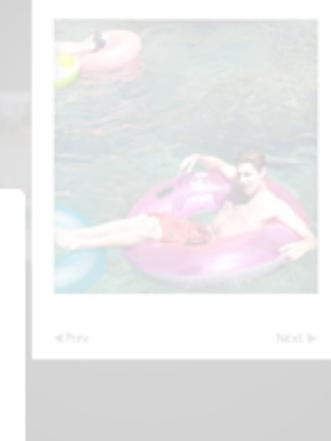
This demo was designed with the latest web standards supported by Safari. If you'd like to experience this demo, simply download Safari. It's free for Mac and PC, and it only takes a few minutes.



**Safari**

For Mac + PC

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## Developers: Learn how to do it yourself.

Visit the Safari Dev Center for more information about HTML5 and to see how you can add effects like these to your website today.

[Learn more»](#)

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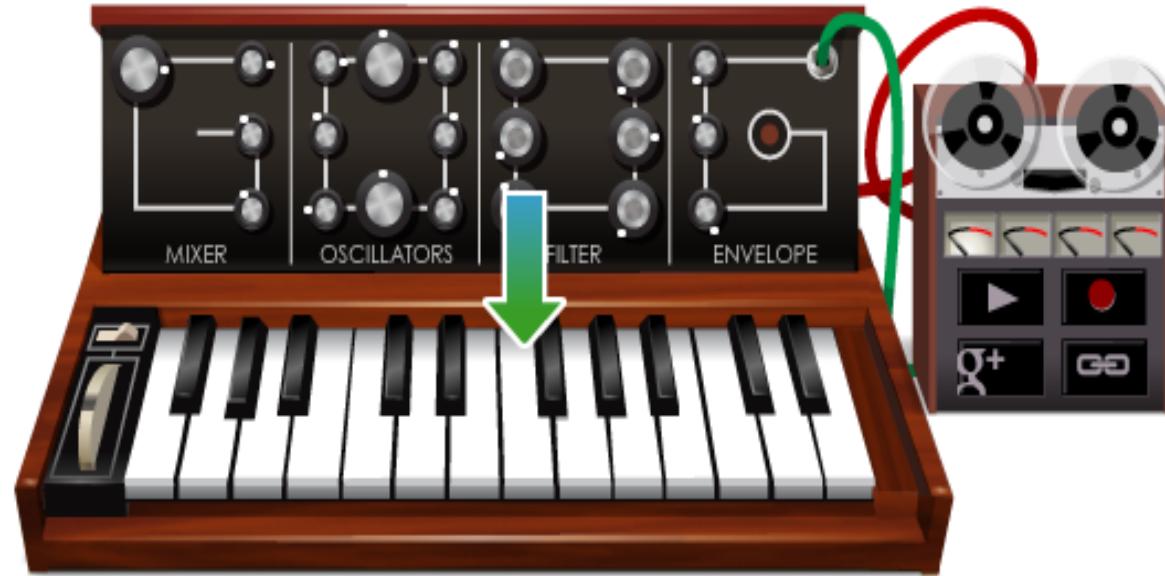
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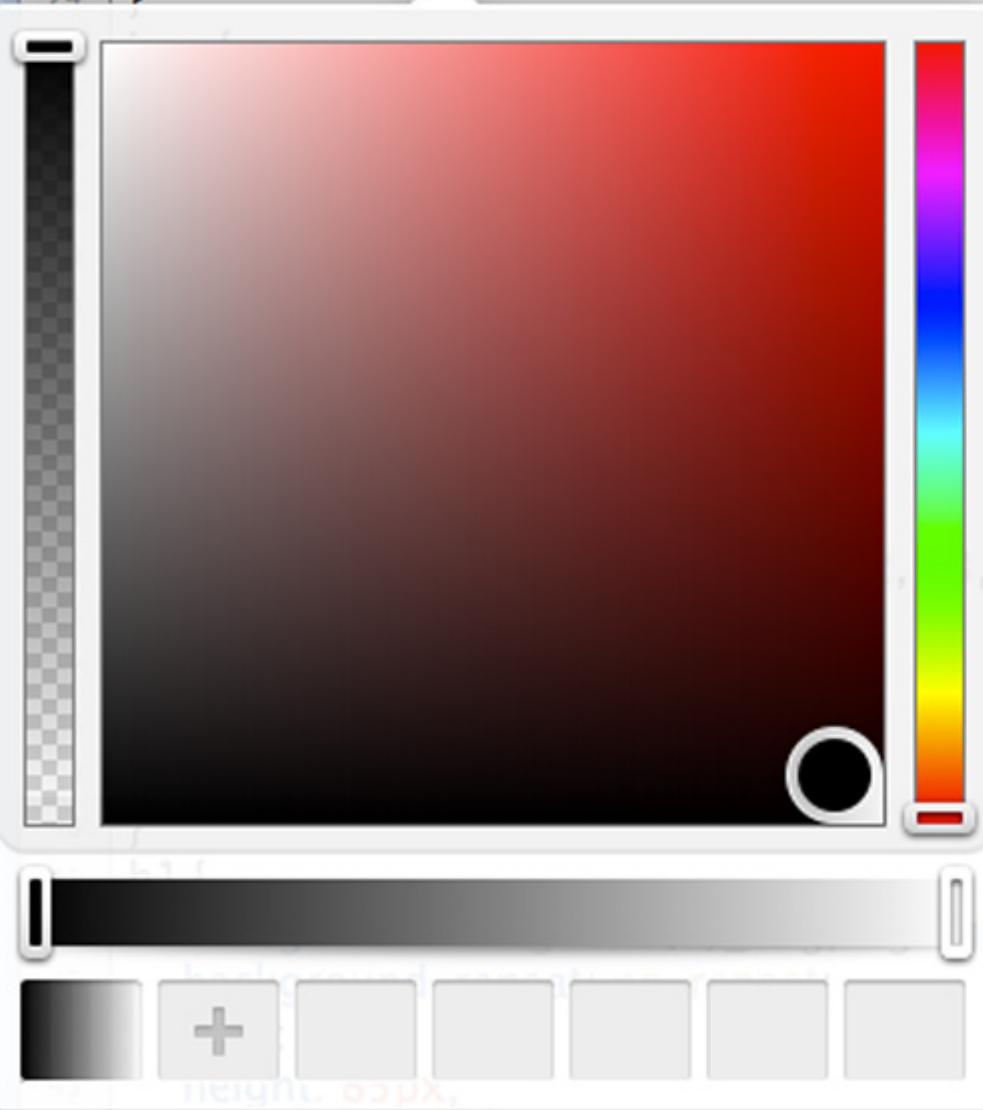
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I'm Feeling Lucky

Upgrade to a modern browser and see what this doodle can really do.

```
19 }  
20 .content {  
21   margin: 0 auto;  
22   width: 960px;  
23 ! background:-webkit-linear-gradient(#000000 0%, #ffffff 100%)  
24 }
```



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46 margin-top: 34px;  
47 width: 236px;  
48 color: rgba(255 255 255)
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Let's face facts: the Web will never be the dominant platform. . It would help if all the rendering engines but one were to die, but even that would not be enough. Even if WebKit was the only game in town, it would still be crucial for it to have competent, sympathetic, benevolent leaders.

[joehewitt.com/2011/09/22/web-technologies-need-an-owner](http://joehewitt.com/2011/09/22/web-technologies-need-an-owner)

# 32% developers want monoculture

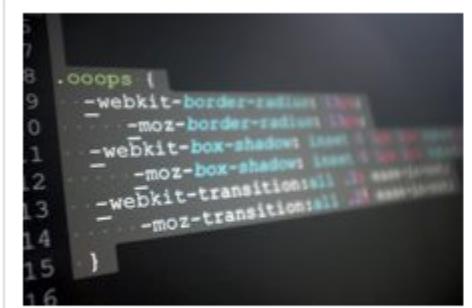
Do you hope that WebKit will become the only rendering engine, and that the others will gradually disappear?

32% Yes    68% No    1036 Votes    94% Care



Asked on 2011-12-21. <http://urtak.is/vOtE>

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## Opera Mobile Emulator build with experimental WebKit prefix support

By [Bruce Lawson](#) · Friday, April 27, 2012 18

Through our site compatibility work, we have experienced that many site authors only use -webkit- prefixed CSS, thereby ignoring other vendor prefixes and not even including an unprefixed equivalent. This leads to a reduced user experience on non-WebKit browsers, as they don't receive the same shiny effects, even although they support them. To tackle this problem, we are releasing an experimental Opera Mobile Emulator build with experimental support for selected -webkit-prefixes.

- webkit-box-shadow
- webkit-transform
- webkit-transform-origin
- webkit-border-radius
- webkit-border-top-left-radius
- webkit-border-top-right-radius
- webkit-border-bottom-left-radius
- webkit-border-bottom-right-radius
- webkit-transition
- webkit-transition-delay
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- webkit-transition-property
- webkit-transition-timing-function
- webkit-linear-gradient



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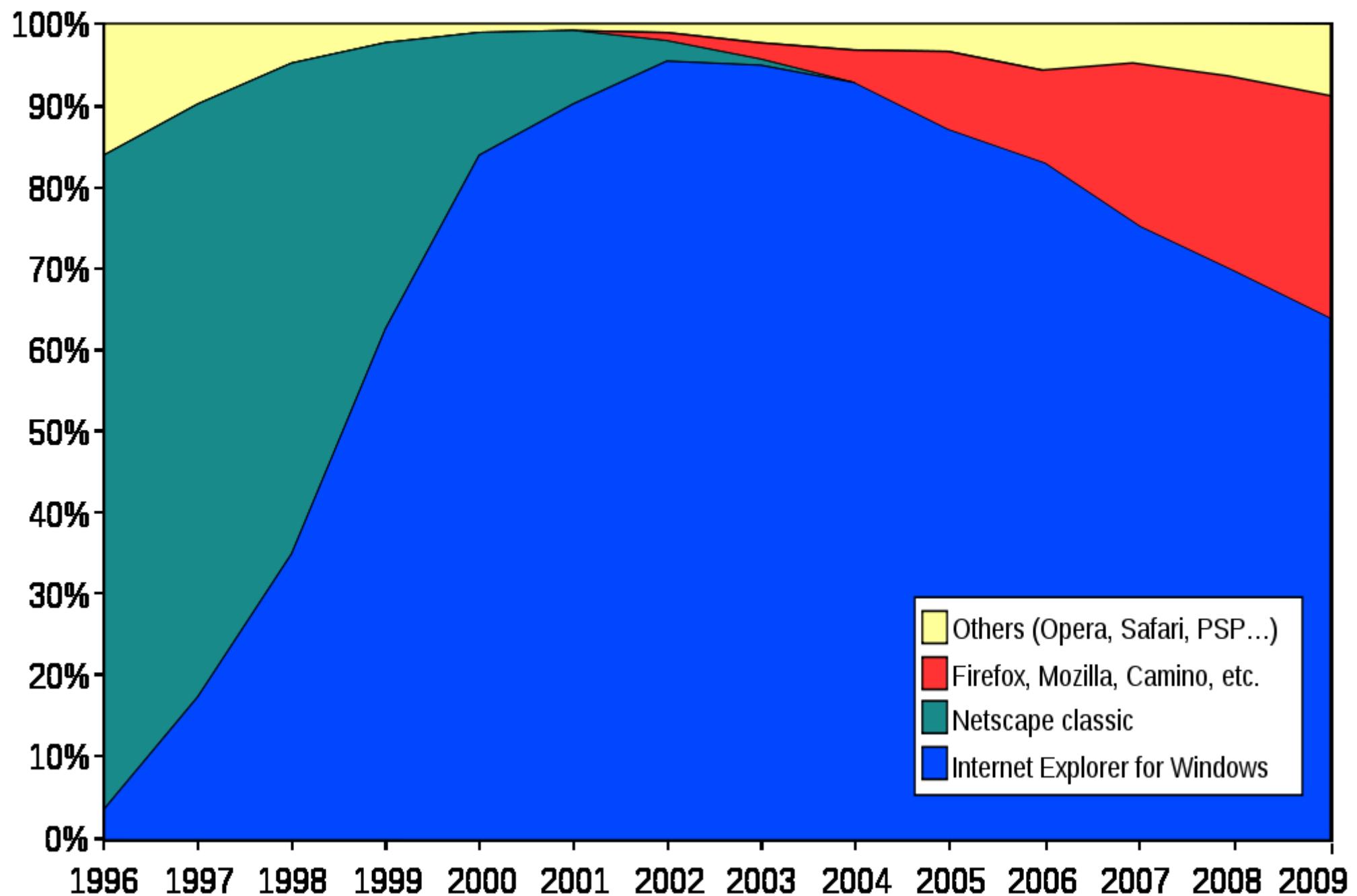
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# Browser Wars



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Tim Berners-Lee



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