

Browser Market Share

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As the browser wars continue, we are entering a period where the number of browsers with greater than a 2% market share is up to 7 (from 5 for the past few years). Two new browsers (Chrome and IE8) have been added to the priority 1 and 2 list as of Spring 2009. IE7 is moving down quickly, while Firefox 2 is more slowly moving down. Safari continues to slowly gain market share, while IE6 and Firefox 3 showed very little movement.

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
▼IE7: 28-32% IE6: 20-25%	FF3: 15-20% * ▲IE8: 5-10% Safari: 5-7% FF2: 3-7% * ▲Chrome: 2-3%	Opera: <1% iPhone: <1%
		New Browsers (watch out) N8: <1%
		Old Browsers (forget 'em) IE5 (PC & MAC): <1% N4: <1% AOL: unknown

* Only Hitslink breaks up FF2 and FF3. This is my best guess estimate.

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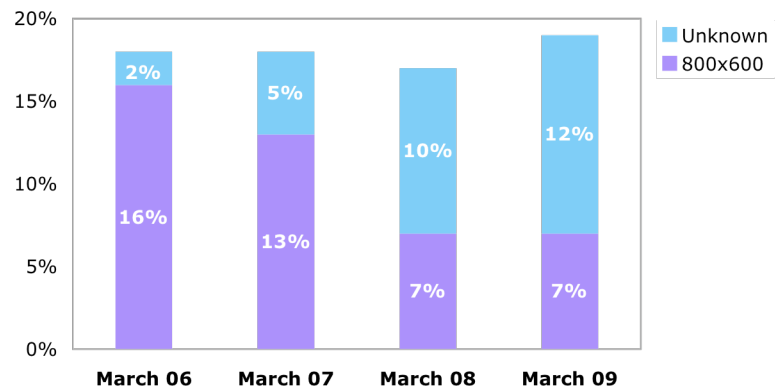
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Screen Resolution (800x600 or 1024x768)

800x600 is still valid for development

Programmers might not like it, but nationally after falling steadily for a number of years, 800x600 resolution has leveled out at a hefty 7%. As much as we want to always use 1024 x 768, we can't "assume" that's the smart choice for every client at this point.

Another very interesting trend in browser resolution is how quickly the "Unknown" category has increased. This is partly due to people having larger monitors, or non-standard monitor sizes, but also due to the fact that many Netbooks and PDAs (iPhone, Blackberry, etc.) have screens which are 800x600 or smaller. We feel it's safe to assume that as much as half of the "unknown" resolutions that have shown up in the past few years are 800x600 or smaller, bringing the total browsers which are 800x600 or smaller to an estimated 7%-12%.



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