Firefox tips and tricks

This page documents how to do some non-obvious things with Firefox[1].
Unless noted otherwise, the instructions apply to Firefox 3.5 .

1 Clearing your private data

If you want to clear your history and your HTTP-authenticated[2] sessions, follow those steps:

1. Click `Menu -> Edit -> Preference`

2. Go to `Privacy -> Clear all current history`

3. Select your time range and click on `Clear now`

2 Getting a warning on quit

Since you can easily quit firefox by mistake, e.g by typing Ctrl-q instead of Ctrl-w[3], getting a warning asking whether we are sure is nice. Unfortunately a bug in firefox 3.5[4] disables this behavior under some circumstances

I haven't found a fix that worked for me: even installing Tab Mix Plus[5] could not do anything when I did a Ctrl-q.

3 Backing up your configuration

To backup my firefox configuration and extensions, I use an extension called FEBE[6] .

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[1] `https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/`
[2] `http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTTP_Authentication`
[3] `http://blog.perceptus.ca/2009/01/19/disable-ctrl-q-in-firefox/`
[4] `https://bugzilla.mozilla.org/show_bug.cgi?id=419009`
[5] `https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/tab-mix-plus/`
[6] `https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/febe/`