Firefox RAM usage

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Recently I asked chatgpt about a memory problem I was having when opening more than a hundred tabs and he suggested these two procedures:

1. it is possible to configure Firefox to load tabs only when you click on them, instead of loading them immediately after opening. This setting can help save memory on your computer and improve Firefox's performance. To configure Firefox this way, follow these steps:

1. Open Firefox and type `about:config` in the address bar.
2. Press Enter and then click 'I accept the risk!'.
3. In the search bar, type `browser.tabs.loadDivertedInBackground`.
4. Double-click the option to set the value to `true`.

From now on, when you open multiple tabs at once, they will not load automatically. Instead, only the active tab will load, while the others will remain in a suspended state until you click on them. When you click on a dropdown tab, it will load immediately. Remember that if you click on a link in a dropdown tab, the link will open in a new tab, which will remain in the dropdown until you click on it. If you prefer that all new tabs be loaded immediately, you can go back to the about:config settings and set the 'browser.tabs.loadDivertedInBackground' option to 'false'.

2. It is possible to configure Firefox so that tabs opened from a link do not load automatically.

To do this, follow these steps:

1. Open Firefox and type `about:config` in the address bar and press Enter.
2. Click 'Accept the risk and continue' to confirm that you want to access Firefox's advanced settings.
3. In the search bar, type `browser.tabs.loadInBackground`.
4. Double-click the `browser.tabs.loadInBackground` to change the value to `false`. This will cause tabs opened from a link to not load automatically.

From now on, when you open a link in a new tab, it will be displayed in the background and will not load automatically until you select it.

With these two simple procedures, you can save a lot of memory in Firefox, especially for people who open a lot of tabs like me. And that almost nobody knows, that's why it's important to make these two settings default in the browser, ok?

Thanks.

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