
Full-screen, tamper-resistant Pachyderm

Posted by ddean - 2008/01/03 20:44

I'm looking for a way to run a Pachyderm in whatever browser â€”FireFox, Explorer, or Safariâ€” on an Intel iMac (or any computer for that matter) in a full-screen mode without the ability of users (minus a keyboard) to access the 3 window buttons (close:minimize:resize) or the desktop menu bar... in other words create a full-screen, tamper-resistant Pachyderm for in-gallery use in a museum.

In PowerPoint, the slide show can be put into a mode where, without a keyboard, one cannot stop or escape the presentation, yet they can still click the buttons and use the presentation with a mouse. That is the kind of application of Pachyderm that would be very useful in a kiosk-type presentation for visitors to use in the gallery, but that would eliminate their ability to surf the web or reset the desktop color, etc.

The full-screen, touch-screen application that the Seattle Art Museum is doing is ideal for many purposes in museum galleries (Really looking forward to the release of those SAM templates!!! :cheer:). But, for now any help in making Pachy's a tad less modifiable by the public would be greatly appreciated.

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Re:Full-screen, tamper-resistant Pachyderm

Posted by ssayre - 2008/01/03 21:03

Hi David-

Tim Svenonius can probably best answer this question since SFMOMA has been running full screen (800x600) Pachyderm presentations on computers in its galleries. You may want to look into a browser with a kiosk mode, such as Opera, wKiosk, iCab or the Saft plug-in for Safari. Many of these browser mods let you lock down the browser and only permit specific types user input.

<http://www.opera.com/support/mastering/kiosk/>
<http://www.versiontracker.com/dyn/moreinfo/macosx/13771>
http://www.soft32.com/download_191535.html
<http://www.versiontracker.com/dyn/moreinfo/macosx/20346>

All best,
Scott

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Re:Full-screen, tamper-resistant Pachyderm

Posted by ddean - 2008/01/04 18:59

Thanks very much. The wKiosk seems to do exactly what we want.

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