

Firefox : make scroll bars old school (resize width for easy access)

Modern Firefox (and other Apps) tend to often “hide” useful things and “handles” like the classic scroll bars from the user for some unknown reason. We older people that learned to love and use them often hate this! At minimum i demand a properly wide scrollbar (~30px) when i hover with my mouse, making it easy to aim and grep.

To achieve that firefox thankfully still offers the following configuration parameters you can change using the [config](#) url in Firefox and then search for the parameter strings.

Parameter Name	Effect
widget.gtk.overlay-scrollbar.enabled	enable fixed width scrollbars (always)
widget.non-native-theme.scrollbar.size.override	width in pixel (~30 is a convenient size to me!)

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