CS298 Proposal

Firefox Extension to save Web data

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Abstract

There is a large amount of information available on the web that is becoming more relevant to the average user. General contact information such as phone numbers and email addresses as well as adding appointments and meetings and other events are a few examples of such data. There is no easy and intuitive way of saving this information. Our project is to create a FireFox browser extension that will mange user contact information and a calendar. The extension will allow the user to save snippets of web pages and add them as contacts or as events in the user's calendar. The user will also be able to save portions of webpage with addresses and view them on Google Maps.

CS297 Results

- 1. Created a sample plugin to test the plugin functionality
- 2. Created a DOM test to identify the top level DOM
- 3. Created a Block Element Highlight sample to test highlighting of block elements on mouse overs
- 4. Created a sample plugin application to save data to user's profile folder on client machine

Finalize CS298 Proposal and submit to Department
Explore ways to bundle a database such as SQLLite
in a firefox extension. Create a firefox extension to
add, edit and save contacts.
Explore adding menus to right click on firefox
browser
Add a contact by selecting text on a webpage
Explore user calendar options and read about iCal
format
Add sample events to the user's calendar with
reminder options
Add a calendar event by selecting text on a web
page
Explore ways to display Google Maps in a firefox
extension
Save address information to display on Google Maps
Start writing report and submit draft to committee
Final Presentation

Proposed Schedule

Key Deliverables

- Software
 - 1. Create a firefox extension to add, edit and save contacts
 - 2. Explore ways to add menu options to the right click of a firefox browser and save contacts by selecting text on a browser
 - 3. Add sample events with reminder options to a user's calendar
 - 4. Add a calendar event by selecting text on a web page
 - 5. Save address information to display on Google Maps
- Report
 - 1. Detailed description of the architecture of the software
 - 2. Final Report and Presentation

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