
Subject: Re: Renegade Website
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light, I completely disagree with you on about 6 different levels. Today's Web servers can handle any form or request you send them, along with thousands of others simultaneously; there is absolutely no reason to script something client side to "take the load off the server". The primary reason for client side validation is to ensure that the client is doing its job.. the client is half of the equation in a client/server environment, we don't live in the era of dumb terminals anymore. There is no reason that a client can't take care of its own information: it can display it, it can validate it, it can tell you when you haven't completed something or completed it incorrectly. If you want to be proactive in ensuring data integrity, it's the clients responsibility to make sure that they're only sending in what the server expects to see.

Your thinking is along the same lines as developers in the late 1990's - early 2000's: "We have to make sure that we don't exclude anyone in the world that may want to view our Web page." You know what? technology expands, and the primary reason is because those same users expect to see something interesting, and something that will keep them coming back. We're no longer creating pages which fit in a 640x480 window so our Web TV friends can see it too.. if they're using Web TV: fuck'em. I'm not going to limit my creativity to make sure the 0.15% of the population can see my page the same way everyone else sees it.

The browser makers have worked hard to perfect the DOM, to make it easy to access and manipulate data on the client side easily.. but you know what? You have to use JavaScript right along with it.. you can't just go "poof", and it's definately poor design to make a server call just to change something on your page.

Developers are working hard to make it easy for you and I to make dynamic, interactive Web sites which keep our viewers coming back for more. If you don't intend on embracing that technology, you might as well set yourself up a BBS; or is that before your time?
