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Subject: Re: Internet Explorer 7 troubles.

Posted by [glyde51](#) on Sat, 23 Dec 2006 18:10:15 GMT

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j\_ball430 wrote on Sat, 23 December 2006 10:30Oh, if you do two (or more) columns... you're going to need to use "float". If you put them in a containing div, it isn't going to work correctly in Firefox, so the simple remedy is this:

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<div style="clear:both;"></div>
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You'll put that right before the closing of the containing div, and it'll fix the issue. It renders perfectly in Firefox and IE.

Normally I just put the clear: both in the footer... I don't usually have trouble when it comes to floating and containers.

Do NOT put the style inline with the DIV tag, since you should use XHTML 1.1 or XHTML 1.0 Strict. Use a (external) stylesheet.

If you're using two columns on a liquid layout (my personal favorite) the best way to do it is to have the right (or left) sidebar floating. Let us say that the sidebar is floating to the right and is 250 pixels wide. You'd want the main content area to have a 270 right (or left) margin (the sidebar would float in the margin of the main content area). Put both inside a container DIV tag, and if you have a footer put clear:both in the CSS, otherwise the floating DIV could overlap the footer.

This probably doesn't work in all situations, but hey, I like it.

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