

IE Tab Installation For Firefox

With recent Firefox (FF) updates, the Zoomify image viewer is failing for many users. This tutorial shows how to fix this by installing IE Tab. The tutorial is only for Firefox.

IE Tab is an add-on for the Mozilla Firefox, Flock, Google Chrome and SeaMonkey web browsers. This allows users to view pages with the Internet Explorer (IE) layout engine, from within Firefox.

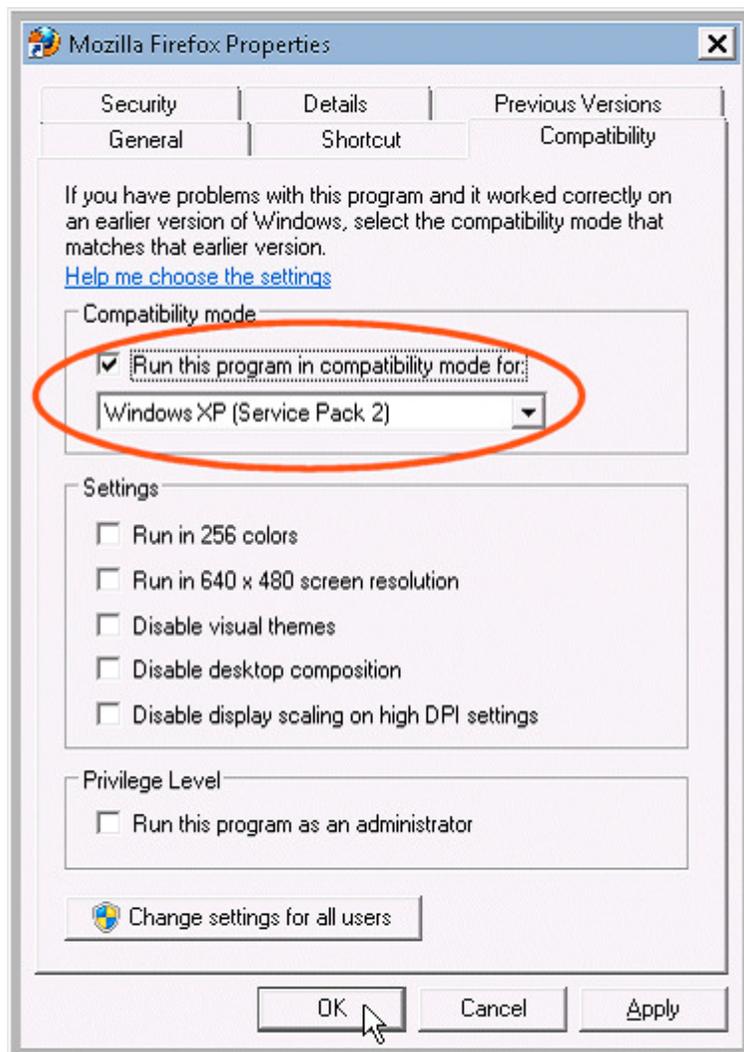
Unfortunately, for the hard-core Firefox user, it is necessary to have IE installed. Although FF is gaining in popularity, IE remains the dominant web browser. Developers still primarily design for IE and often include functionality that fails with other browsers. IE Tab fixes many of these problems.

This tutorial was created with Windows XP. If you are using Vista or Windows 7, your Firefox screens and menus will differ greatly. To make things easier you can temporarily set the compatibility mode to Windows XP. After going through the tutorial, as XP, it will be easier to navigate the FF menus under Vista or Windows 7.

Right click on your desktop Firefox icon and select Properties. In the Properties window select the Compatibility tab. Set the Compatibility Mode "Windows XP (Service Pack 2)", turn on the check box and click "OK."

Now the next time Firefox starts, it will run as if the operating system is XP. To revert back to Vista or Windows 7, just uncheck the Compatibility Mode checkbox.

So, now let's get started!



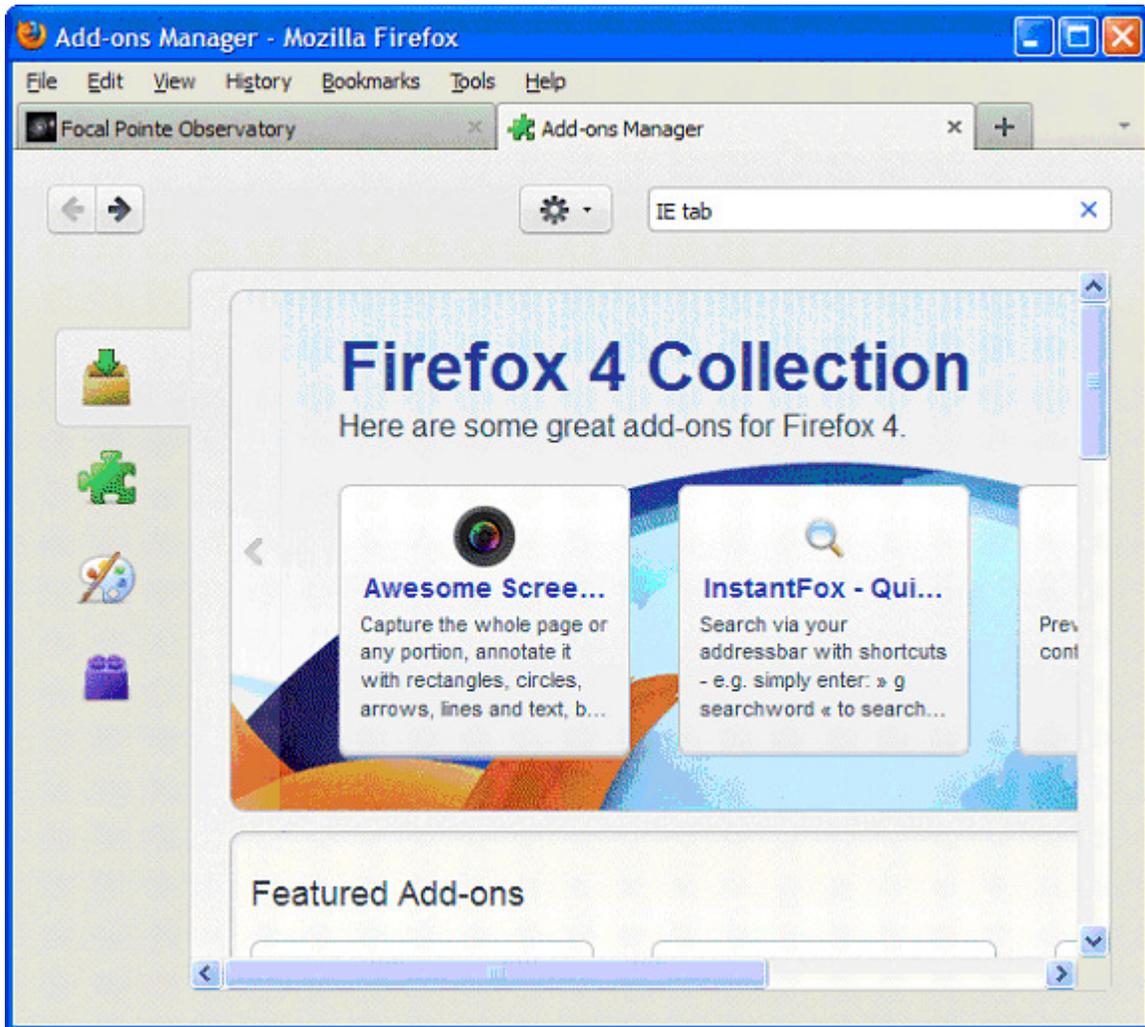
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First open Firefox and select "Add-ons" from the Tools menu.



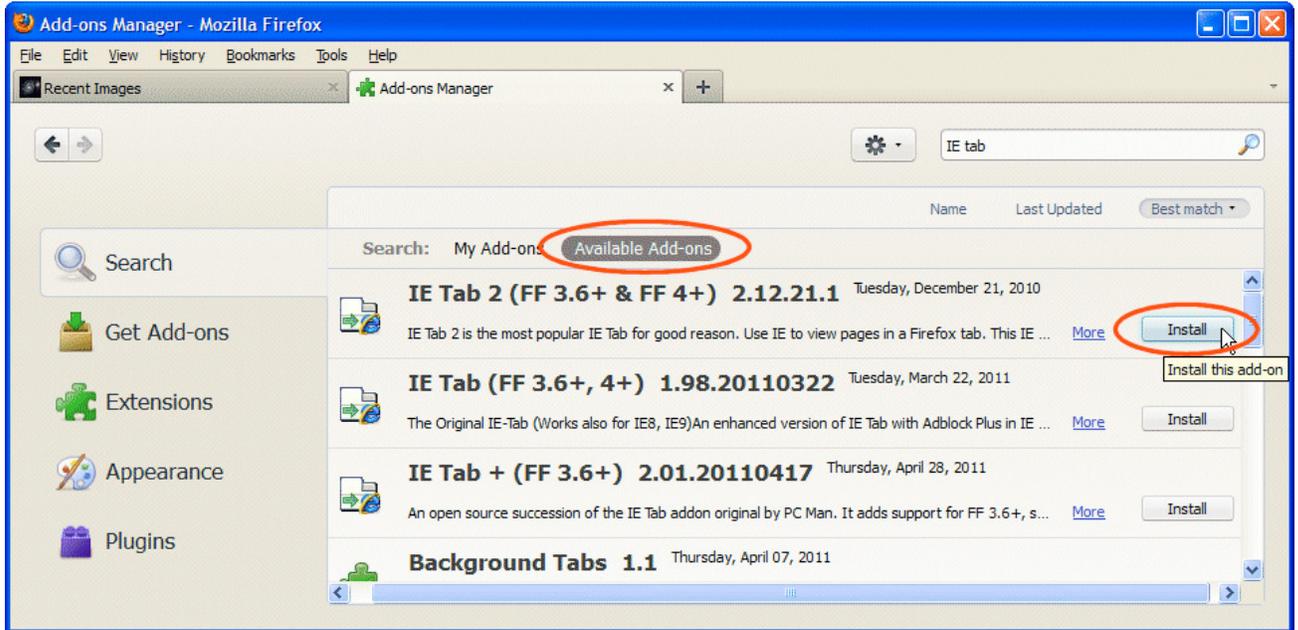
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Enter "IE tab" in the search text box and click the "x" to start the search.

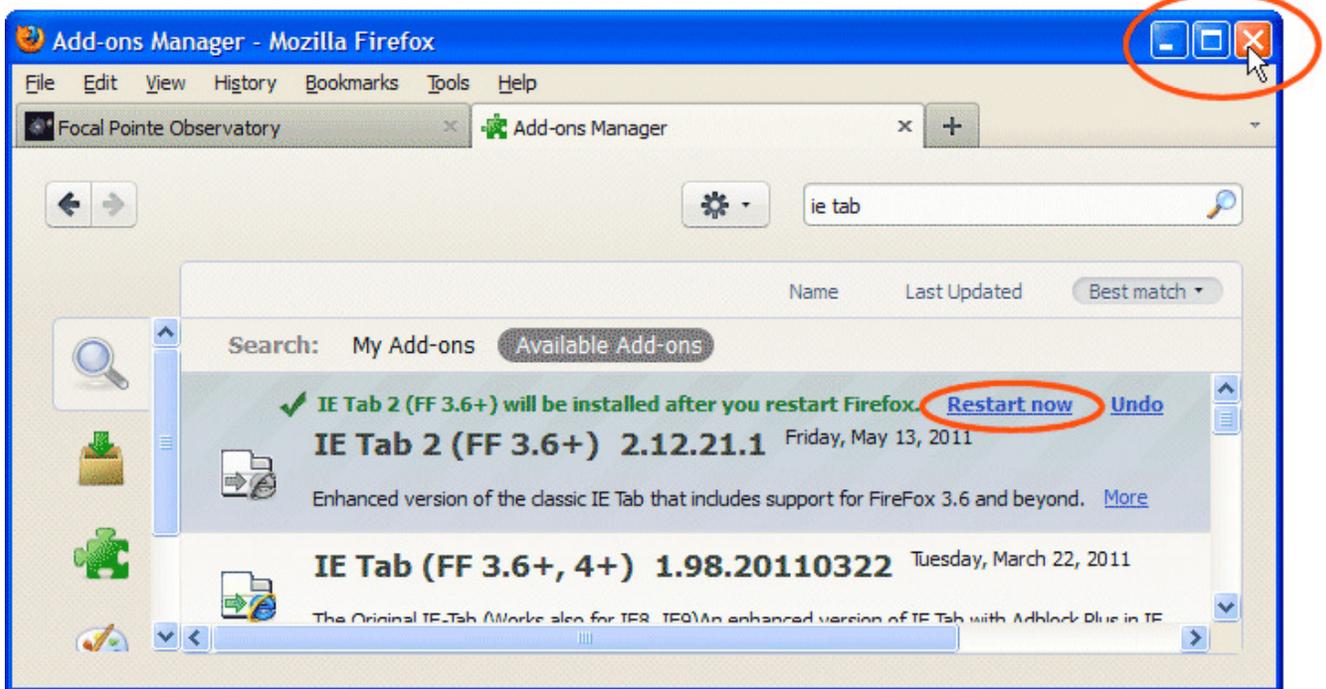


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Click the "Install" button for the IE Tab version most suited for your release of Firefox. Note that "Available Add-ons" is selected.

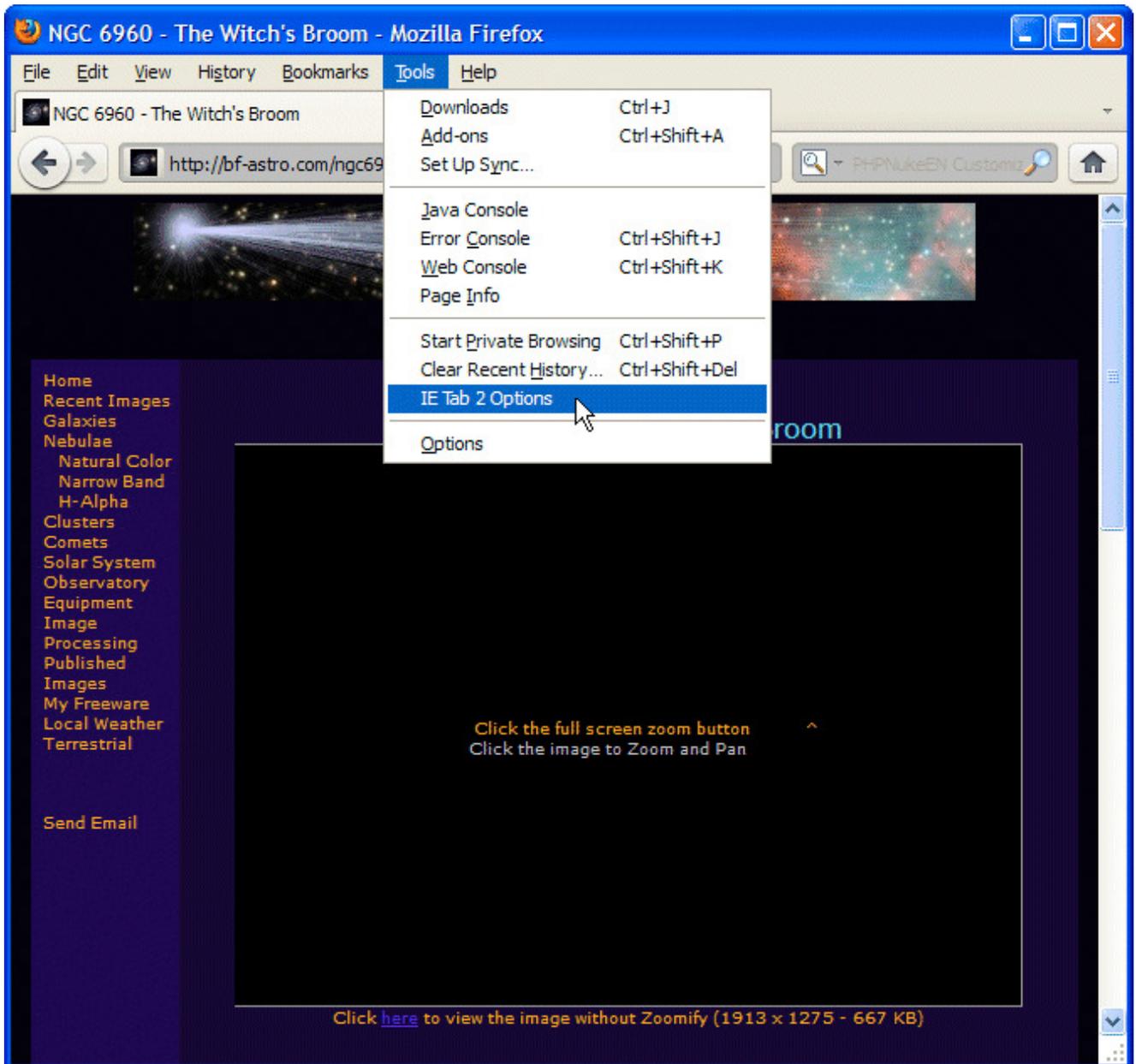


To finish the installation, restart Firefox. Do not use the "Restart now" button. This is known to fail. Use the Window's close button and manually restart the program.



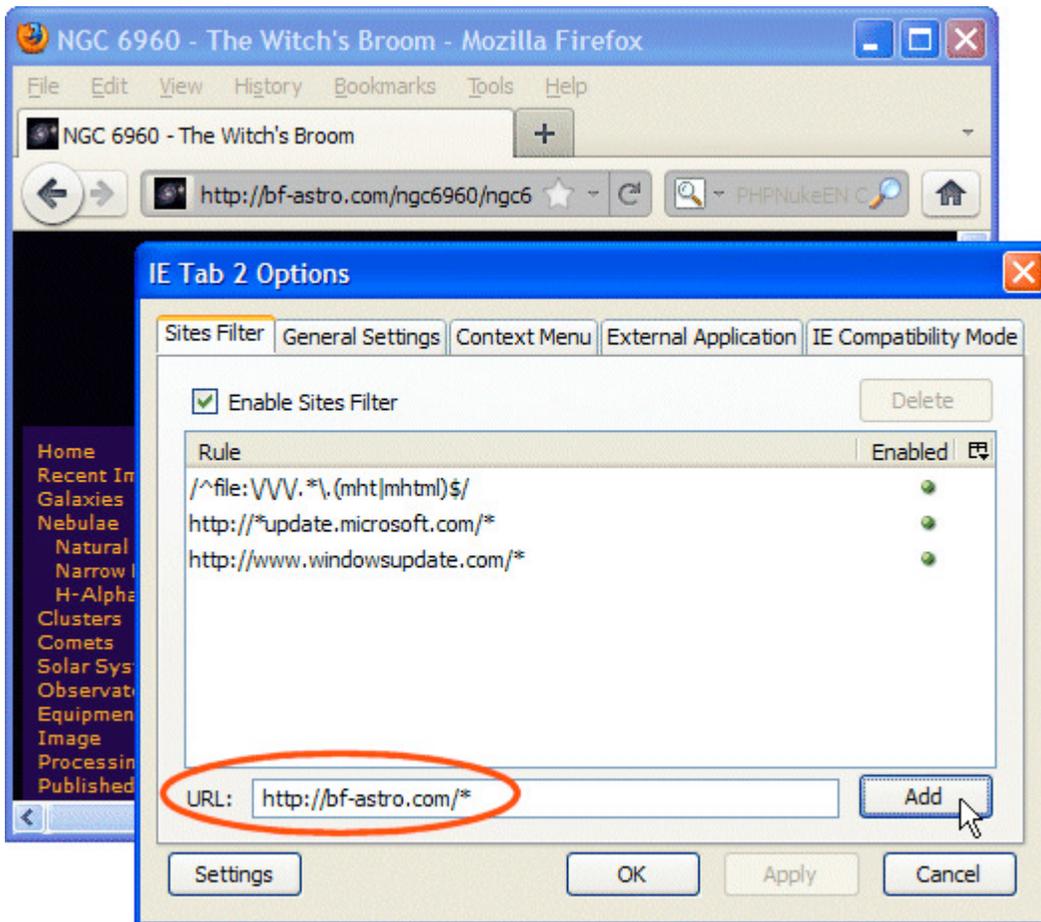
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Now load a web page that displays a failed Zoomify image window. This tutorial uses <http://bf-astro.com/ngc6960/ngc6960.htm>. From the Tools menu, select "IE Tab Options."



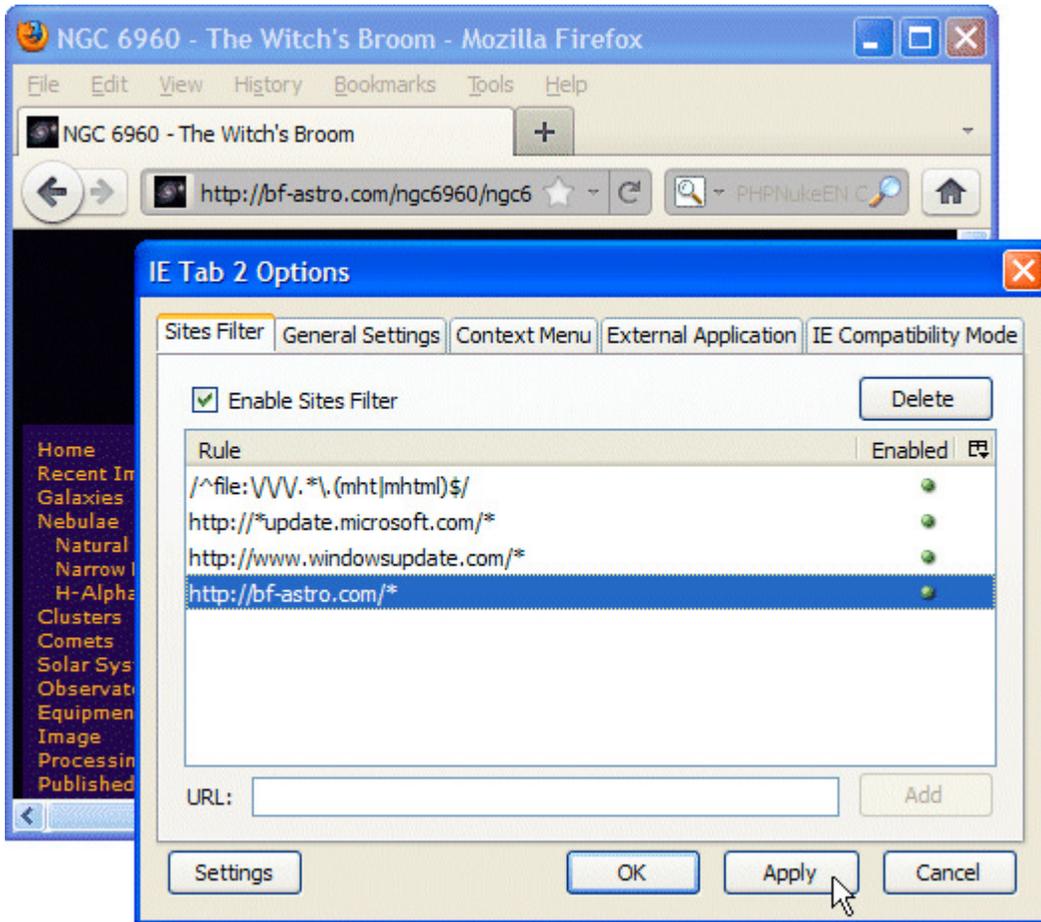
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Select the "Sites Filter" tab. Firefox adds the base address of the current web site into the URL textbox. Make sure the URL is terminated with the "/*". This way IE Tab is applied to the entire web site. Click the "Add" button.



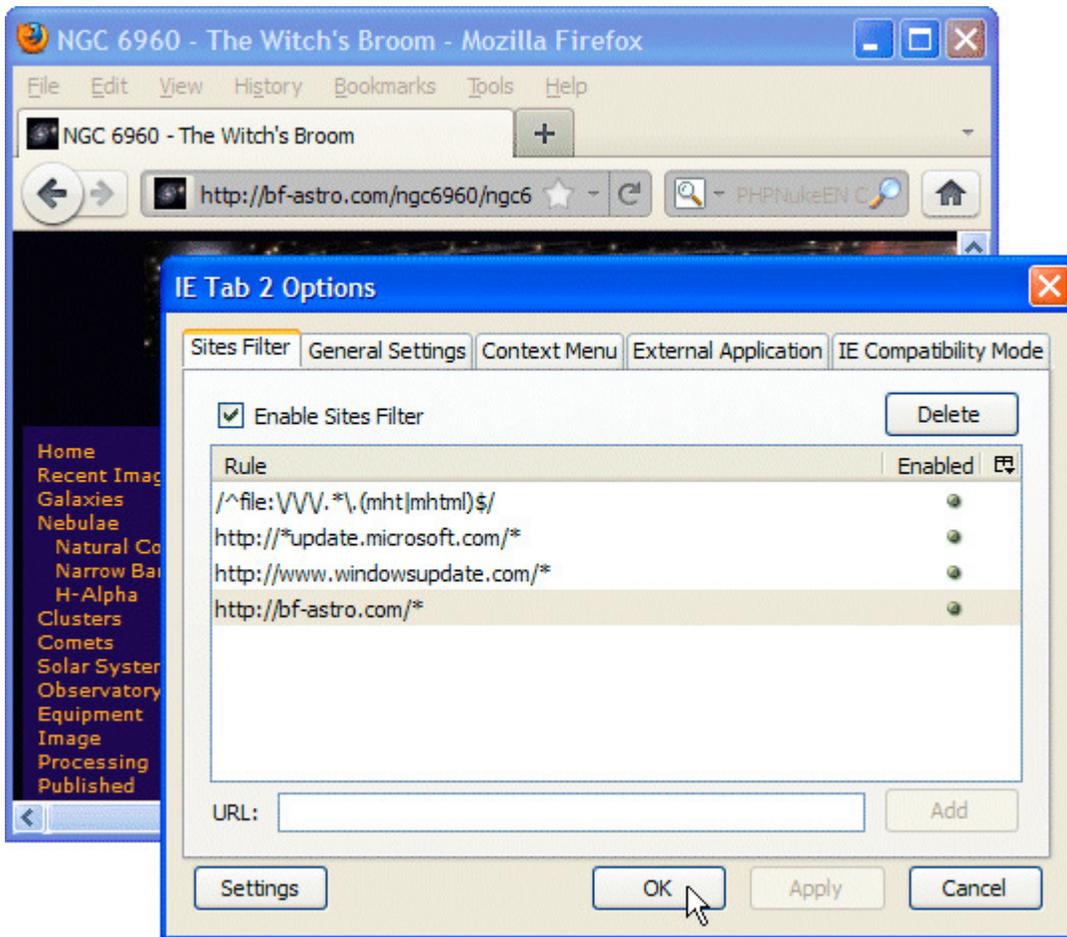
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Now the current web site is added to the IE Tab rules list. Click the "Apply" button.



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Now Firefox uses IE Tabs when any page from the current web site is loaded. In this case it is `http://bf-astro.com/*`. Click "OK" to close the dialog window.



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Reload the URL, used on page 5, to see a fully functional Zoomify image viewer.



Repeat pages 5 - 8 the next time you encounter a site where Firefox can not properly execute the Zoomify image viewer. Try this process for anything else that fails to display correctly... especially if the content is OK in IE.

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