Earlier this morning, the Mozilla organization made official the release of Firefox 1.1 Beta 1 for Maemo . For this release, the focus was some UI features they didn't have time to put in the initial release. They are also using your feedback from previous releases and nightly builds to help improve the browsing experience.

Bringing Firefox to mobile devices is the next step toward fulfilling Mozilla's mission of providing one Web that everyone can access, regardless of device or location. Secure, powerful, and customizable, Firefox is the most modern mobile Web browser available and is optimized for a mobile experience.Key design principles are at the heart of the mobile browsing experience including minimal typing, seamless synchronization with desktop Firefox and the ability to take your Firefox with you, to name a few.

Firefox is the first mobile Web browser to support add-ons. With add-ons, you can customize your Firefox by adding features that help make your browser your own. Add-ons like AdBlock Plus, URL Fixer, TwitterBar, language translators, and geo guides become especially handy when you're out and about on your mobile device. You can both discover and install add-ons directly from your Nokia N900. There are currently more than 40 Firefox add-ons available for mobile and the number is growing every day.

Some of the bigger features include:

- Form assistant improvements, including autocomplete
- Start Page redesign
- Auto update add-ons
- Portrait support on N900
- Context Menu with Open Link in New Tab and Save Image
- Web content theme update
- Manage site preferences (clearing passwords and others)
- Improved Site Menu
- Use volume keys to zoom on N900
- Save page to PDF

Note to Ovi Store Customers: *If you installed Firefox 1.0 from the Ovi Store, you will not be able to upgrade to Firefox 1.1 Beta 1 (either from the N900 Application Manager or by downloading the software from Mozilla). We are working to solve this for future releases so that anyone can participate in our Beta programs. Don't worry, though, if you got Firefox 1.0 from either the Ovi store or directly from Mozilla, you will be updated to Firefox 1.1 (final) when it is released.*

As usually, there is an unbranded Fennec desktop builds on Windows , Mac , and Linux . You can use these if you don't have a Maemo device or to aid in add-on development. Add-on developers should use this release to update add-ons from Firefox 1.0.x for Maemo.

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Firefox 1.1 beta is built on the same browser engine as Firefox 3.6 for desktop computers with extensive under the hood work to optimize for mobile. For the 1.1 release, we've listened to your feedback to help improve the browsing experience.

As a result, polishing the user interface and improving UI responsiveness and performance is at the heart of this beta release. Secure, powerful and customizable, Firefox 1.1 beta for the Nokia N900 is packed with your favorite features and great improvements.

Highlights include:

- Use volume rocker to zoom in and out on the Nokia N900
- Download, First Run and Start page redesign to help you find and use your favorite Firefox features
- Add-ons now auto update and view full add-on gallery from the Add-ons Manager
- Portrait mode support on the Nokia N900
- Form assistant improvements, including autocomplete
- Context Menu with Open in New Tab and Save Image
- Manage site preferences (clearing passwords and others)
- Site Menu improvements and additions including Save to PDF, Forget Password and Add Search Engine
- Web content theme update

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