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A real hodgepodge.

- It looks like **Firefox 1.0 will be released tomorrow.**
- **Sorting Algorithm Demo.** These applets offer visual demonstrations of different sorting algorithms. Is Quicksort really that much faster than a bubble sort? Watch and see.
- Clay Shirky, **Group as User: Flaming and the Design of Social Software.**
- Richard Rutter **calls attention to Flash-free photo-fading**, then produces a **cross-browser, accessible version.**
- Sun's **Project Looking Glass** seems like cool way to bring 3D to the desktop (and show that just because it's Java doesn't mean it's slow). Now it's an **open source project**, which on the face of it means very little except that if it dies, it will die on the streets inside of a warm Sun laboratory. A coworker just pointed me to a **similar research project within Microsoft** a few years back. Interesting potential for bring spatial metaphors to the desktop, nearly as exciting as using **Doom as an interface for process management.**
- **CVS Monitor.** Now I just need a Subversion version.
- **JDocs**, a huge online collection of Java API documentation.
- **fValidate**, a JavaScript library for forms validation that I'd love to write more about but know I never will.
- **Password generator bookmarklet.**
- **Cornell.edu's redesign blog.** How terribly novel, to open up the redesign process like this. I cannot imagine The Powers That Be at work allowing this.
- Douglas Bowman at Web Essentials in Sydney: **Pushing Your Limits.**
- Philip Greenspun: **What's wrong with the standard undergraduate computer science curriculum.**
- **JavaScript XMLHttpRequest** from the **JSPAN** wiki. See, too, the essential **Using the XML HTTP Request object.**
- **A Development Infrastructure for PHP**, one of a whole set of **interesting things from Tony Marston.**