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# 11 Best Web Developer tools for Firefox and Internet Explorer

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Here are 11 web developer tools & add-ons that i personally use and find them very useful. These are the tools that i need whenever i am doing any web application development, In their absence i feel i have become a handless person.

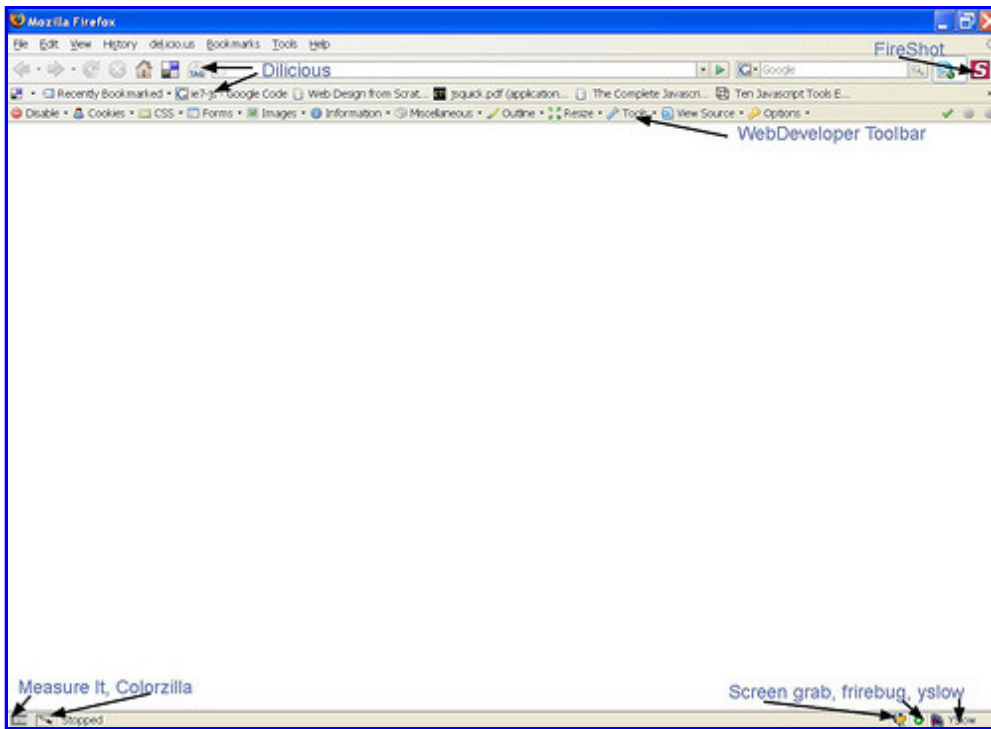
This list is in priority order of my usage or in other words, their importance to my work.

1. Firebug
2. Measure It
3. ColorZilla
4. Web developer Tool bar
5. Del.icio.us Bookmarks
6. YSlow
7. Screengrab & FireShot
8. IE Developer Tool bar
9. Delicious Button for Internet Explorer
10. DebugBar
11. Nikhil's Web development Helper

## **Add-ons That I use on Firefox**

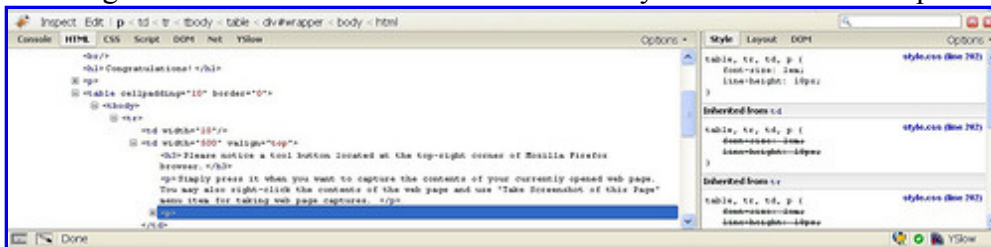
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All these extensions complement each other really good. check out this screenshot to see their exact location.



### 1. Firebug

If I have to choose between all these plugins I will choose firebug. It is a very versatile tool, which provides ability to see html source code in a formatted manner. You can see style sheet applied to each and every element in the webpage and you can see all the ajax request headers. You can actually edit the css to see them affecting the website in real time. this is swiss army knife of web development world. Download the [firebug](#).



### 2. Measure It

A very handy and simple tool, Measure It allows you to measure the width and height of any area in the webpage. You don't have to any image editors any more to get the width and height of that block. Download



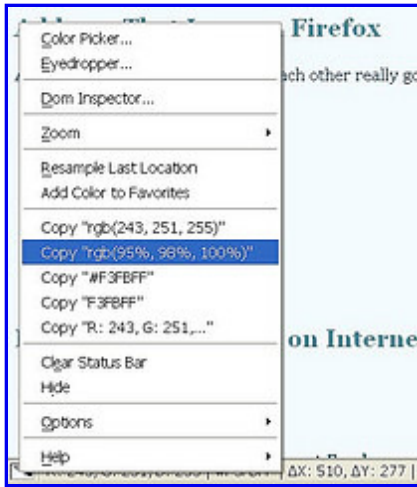
[Measure It.](#)

### 3. ColorZilla

This is a very cool color picker tool that is available for Firefox. If you want to know the color of any thing opened in the web browser, yes even images, then this is the tool for you.



You can see all the options that are available. Download [ColorZilla](#).



#### 4. Web Developer Toolbar

This is another very useful tool, You can use this to disabling js, css images etc to simulate different conditions. You can read and delete cookies, clear caches, enable or disable form elements and lot of other things easily. Get the [Web Developer Toolbar](#).

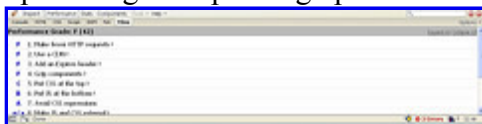
#### 5. Delicious Bookmarks



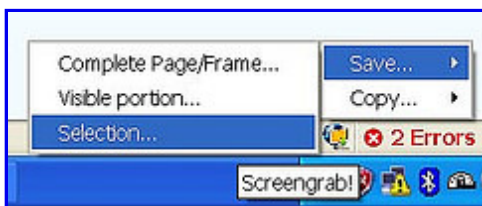
Well, In general if you see, it does not contribute to web application development directly, but it's ability to share my bookmarks across different machines that i use, It becomes very valuable. After all those book marks are all the references collected from the web that are related to my web development activities. Get [Delicious Bokmarks](#).

#### 6. YSlow

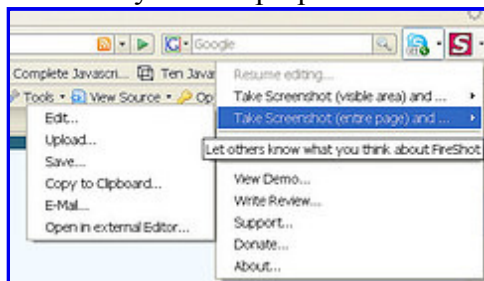
A plugin from yahoo, this one helps me analyze the speed of my website as per yahoo's recommendations for optimizing and speeding up the website for my users. Get [YSlow](#).



#### 7. Screengrab And/Or FireShot



I was using screen grab for capturing screenshot's of webpages that i liked, and sometimes, to show my colleagues what's wrong with their layout. Get [ScreenGrab](#). Since i have found out about FireShot, i am using it exclusively for this purpose.

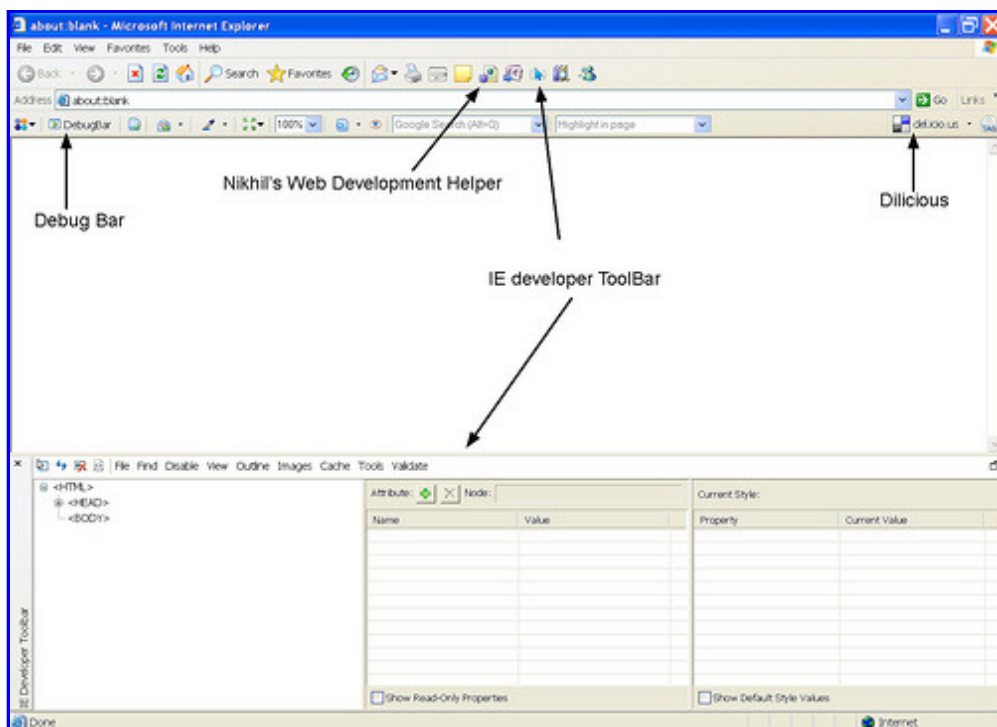


FireShot provides the features to added notes without opening any image editor, this is the feature that made me fall in love with it. Get [FireShot](#) now.



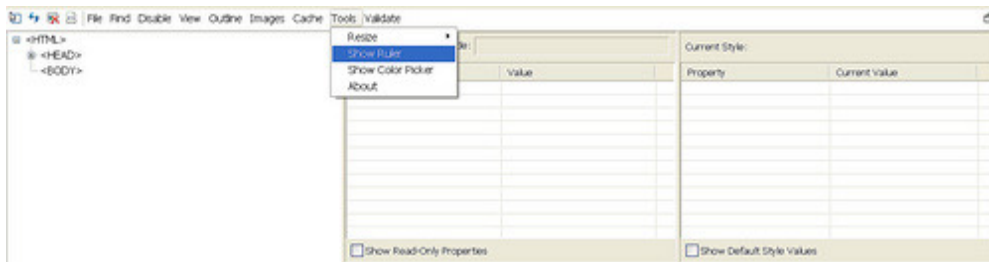
## Extensions That I use on Internet Explorer

Even though lot of people have to use Internet Explorer for development. Very small percentage of them know about the tools available for Internet Explorer. Lack of these tools had forced me to switch to Firefox (otherwise i would have never known about beauties of firefox.), but now that i know about these tools i use them every time i have to fix an issue in IE. It has made my life very easier.

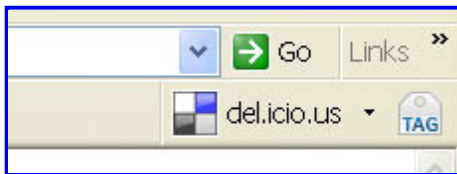


## 1. IE Developer Toolbar

This is a combination of firebug+web developer toolbar+colorzilla and measure it, but for Internet Explorer. Though It does not provides all the features of firebug, still something is better then nothing. I liked the way you can add ruler with this plugin. Get [IE Developer Toolbar](#) now.



## 2. Del.icio.us Buttons for Internet Explorer



Well I need easy access to Delicious on every browser. Download it from [Delicious website](#).

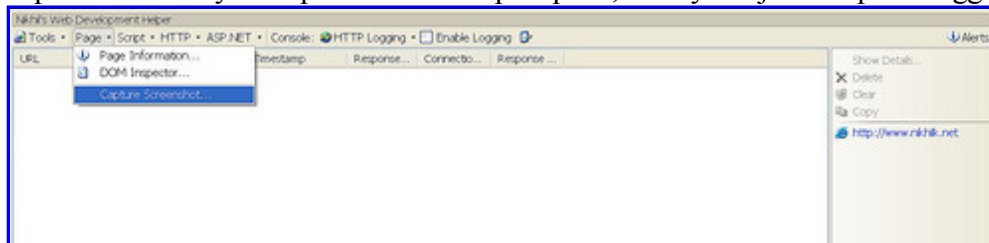
## 3. DebugBar



I use it because it provides ability to grab screen shot's of the website and color picker in a easy access way via toolbar on top. Get the [DebugBar](#).

## 4. Nikhil's Web Development Helper

It provides ability to capture all the http request, ability for javascript debugging.



Get [Nikhil's web development helper](#).

Well these are all the tools that help me in my web development activity. Am I missing some tools? please help me find them.

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- 2. May 4, 2008 2:08 pm [suraj](#) says



IE Dev toolbar seems to be made only for IE7...

- 3. May 4, 2008 3:07 pm [Amit Kumar Singh](#) says



@suraj: if you look carefully to the image showing all the IE plugins, you will notice that IE Dev toolbar works with IE6 also.

- 4. May 5, 2008 6:21 pm [\[收藏集\]Firefox+IE11个WEB开发工具 | Firefox.hk](#) says



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6. May 6, 2008 2:47 pm [anti-pixel](#) says



i don't think "measure it" is a veru useful plugin...

i just use firefox webdev toolbar in Miscellaneous > Display Ruler ^^

7. June 2, 2008 4:32 am [Firebug avança com suporte a diversos browsers « rafa.rocha](#) says



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8. June 26, 2008 4:53 am [Sanjay M](#) says



Nice collection. Here are some more useful resources...

<http://del.icio.us/msanjay75/css>

9. July 14, 2008 3:19 am [fireshot](#) says



FireShot is now available for Internet Explorer too.

10. July 22, 2008 2:19 pm [JP](#) says



Is there something equivalent to measureit for IE?

11. July 22, 2008 3:13 pm [Amit Kumar Singh](#) says



i don't know of any tool for IE similar to measure it, but IE developer toolbar has something like "ruler" that is quite useful.

12. December 9, 2008 5:36 pm [Ricky](#) says



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thax a lot for sharing this information..

I m developing website.so I used css menus as they look great.





But I work on ubuntu so, it will works on my firefox.also on IE7 on windows.  
but It doesn't works on IE6.(there is IE6 version available on ubuntu).can u post article  
for making browser compatibility.& other related problem with browser.  
thax in advance..

13. January 11, 2009 12:21 am [Technical Spartacus](#) says



Here is another useful page about [Firefox SEO & Web Developer Plugins](#).

It's my lowdown of the top tools I use day to day.

Since I found all these tools extremely useful I decided to blog about them.

14. January 22, 2009 7:04 pm [Vaibhav dixit](#) says



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15. January 10, 2010 11:09 am [Marlon](#) says



Internet Explorer 8 is really good. This browser is very very stable and i have been using it  
for quite a while without blue screens or crashes.

16. May 1, 2010 5:54 pm [Juegos](#) says



ColorZilla and MeasureIt are really great. Already use them, 100% recommended.

17. December 17, 2010 1:26 pm [Rajkumar](#) says



For screen shot, Try Screencapure elite. its also the good one...

One more Addon: ColorZilla, Advanced Eyedropper, Color Picker, Palette Viewer and  
other colorful goodies for your Firefox.

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Where knowledge is free;  
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments  
by narrow domestic walls;  
Where words come out from the depth of truth;  
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;  
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way  
into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;  
Where the mind is led forward by Thee into ever-widening  
thought and action--"  
~ Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Gitanjali, Verse 35.

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