Bug 988959 - [UX] Breakdown: Favicons for all about pages
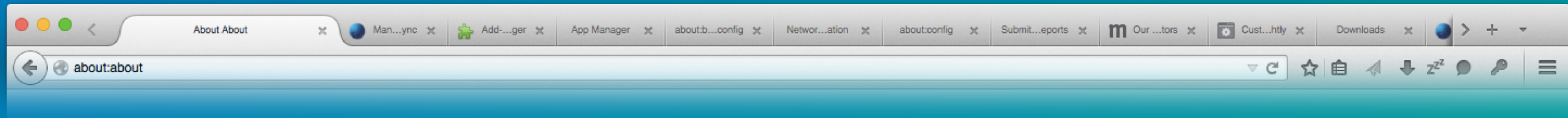
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Problem

Firefox contains a collection of Easter eggs, diagnostic information and configuration settings which can be accessed through a number of hidden about: pages.

Most of these pages, however, do not have an associated favicon, which leaves the tab the page is open in looking a little empty. And since these are important administrative pages for the browser, the favicon make them look a bit more "official".

In addition to the lack of favicons, there is also no consistency regarding whether about: pages have a title, and there should be an additional indicator to the user that the about: page is part of the browser.

List of About: Pages

Items in yellow have existing favicons:

about:
about:about
about:accounts
about:addons
about:app-manager
about:buildconfig
about:cache
about:config
about:crashes
about:credits
about:customizing
about:downloads

about:healthreport
about:home
about:license
about:logo
about:memory
about:mozilla
about:networking
about:newtab
about:permissions
about:plugins
about:preferences
about:privatebrowsing

about:rights
about:robots
about:sessionrestore
about:support
about:sync-log
about:sync-progress
about:sync-tabs
about:telemetry
about:webrtc
about:welcomeback

mozilla

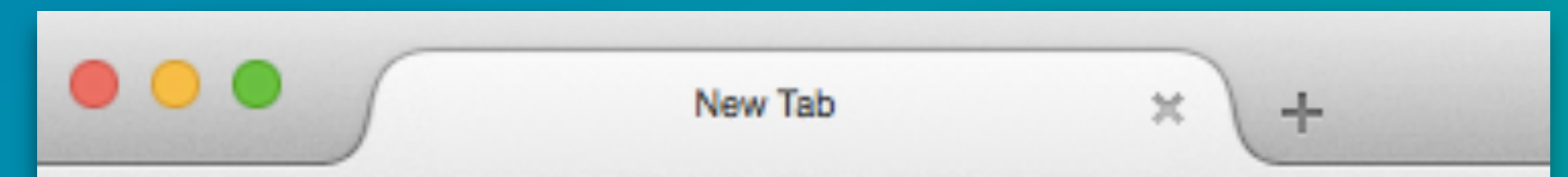# Rule #1: All about: pages must have a favicon

For all about: pages that do not already have an existing favicon, it is recommended we use the browser logo as a favicon). The following about: pages require a generic favicon:

about:
about:about
about:buildconfig
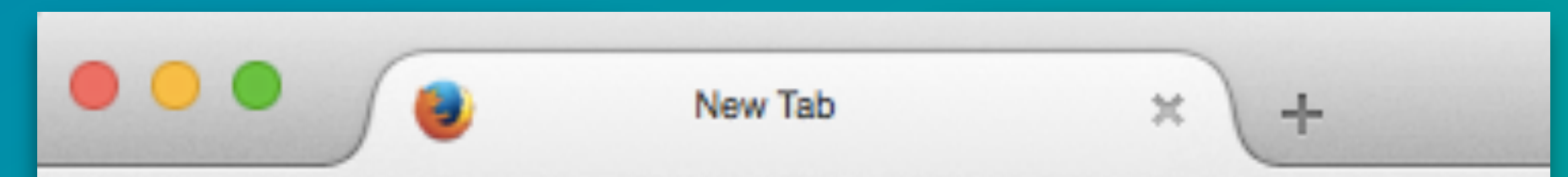about:cache
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about:memory
about:mozilla
about:networking
about:permissions
about:rights
about:telemetry
about:webrtc

Current State

Release/Beta

Aurora

Nightly

Note: about:newtab is the only about: page that does not require a favicon as this represents the purpose of the newtab page being a fresh, clean jumping off point for users to begin a browsing session.
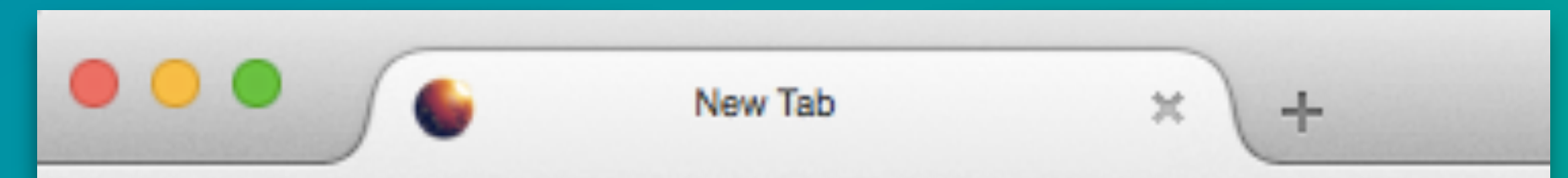
Rule #2: If a page has an existing icon, that should be the favicon

Some about: pages already have associated icons in the UI. In these cases a custom matching favicon should be used instead of the generic browser logo. The following pages require custom favicons.

about:accounts   »   Custom Favicon: Sync icon

about:app-manager   »   Custom Favicon: Rocket ship

about:downloads   »   Custom Favicon: Download arrow

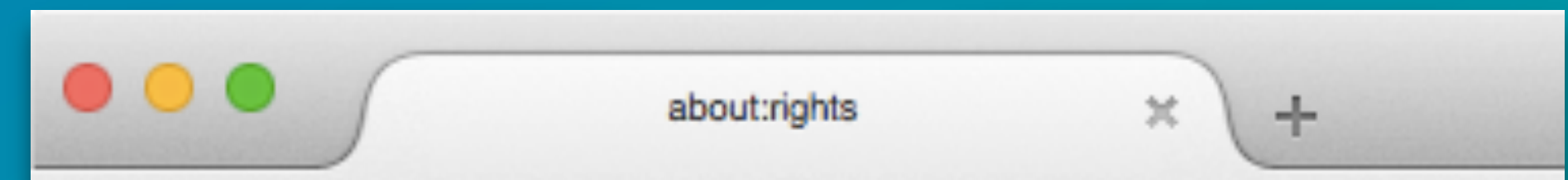about:plugins   »   Custom Favicon: Lego piece

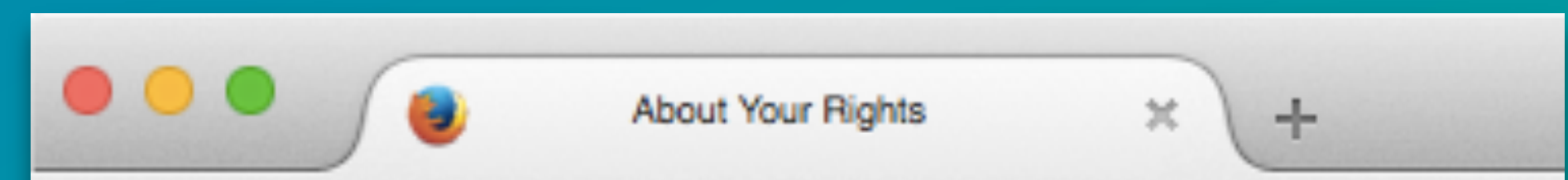# Rule #3: All about: pages must have a page title

The following about: pages do not have page titles. Suggested titles are included.

about:buildconfig   »   Build Config
about:config   »   About Config
about:license   »   Licenses
about:memory   »   About Memory
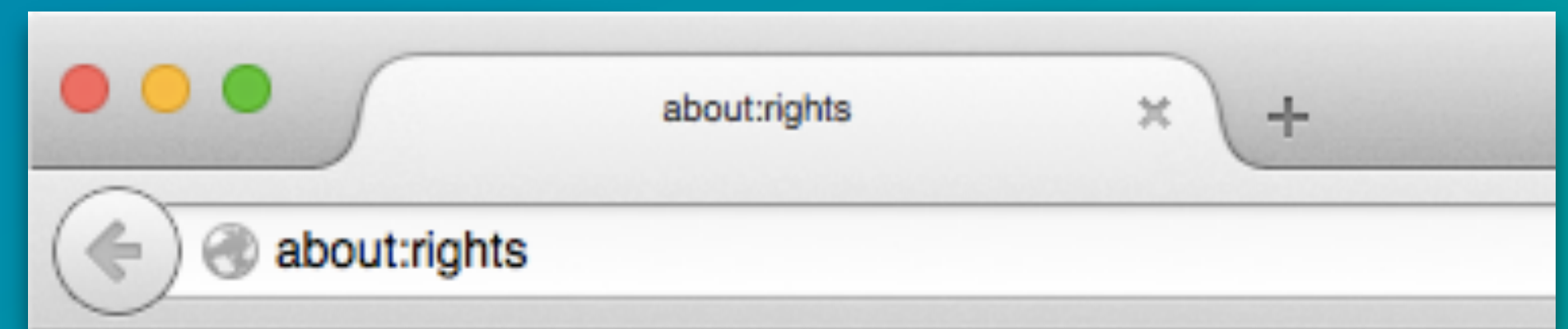about:rights   »   About Your Rights

Before:

After:

Rule #4: All about: pages must use an identity block

Some of the about: pages use an identity block to show the user that the page they are on is a trusted part of the browser. The following about: pages do not use an identity block (but should!):
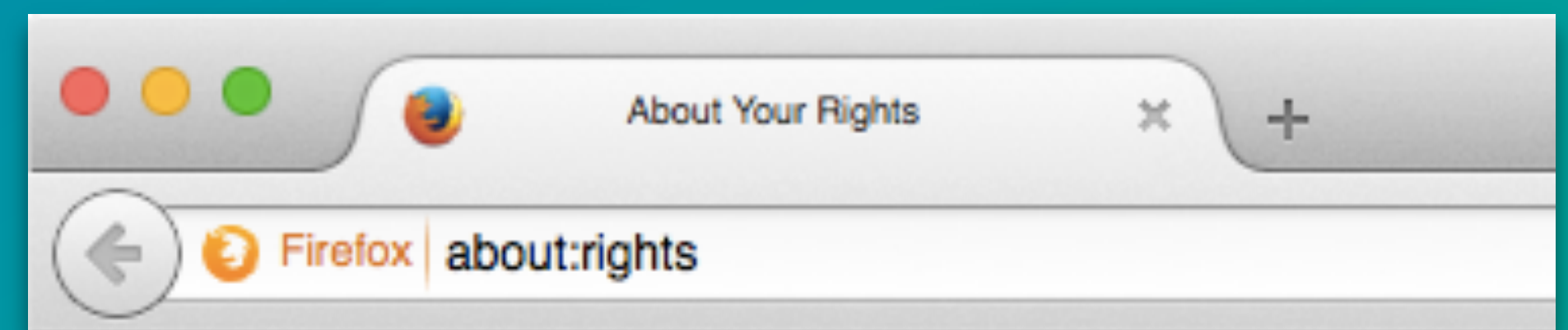
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Before:

About:rights

After:

About Your Rights
Firefox | about:rights

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

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