Introduction to Kudo Internet File Browser

Kudo Internet File Browser is the component of Kudo Internet Multimedia Suite that provides Internet access to Kudo Image Browser and Kudo Image Viewer.   Kudo Internet File Browser has a copycat File Explorer interface that provides simple and easy FTP/HTTP access to remote file systems for Web site maintenance and development.

Kudo Internet File Browser is tightly integrated with **Kudo Image Browser** and **Kudo Image Viewer**. With the help of **Kudo Internet File Browser**, **Kudo Image Browser** users can create catalogs of most files found on the Internet.   With the help of **Kudo Internet File Browser**, **Kudo Image Viewer** users can view and play most Internet files.

Kudo Internet Multimedia Suite users can view or play files on the Internet in much the same way that Netscape **Communicator** or Microsoft **Internet Explorer** users can.   The difference between Kudo and other Internet browsers is that Kudo is designed to facilitate management and publishing of multimedia file collections.   **Kudo Internet Multimedia Suite** complements and does not replace Netscape **Communicator** or Microsoft **Internet Explorer**.

Kudo Internet File Browser is:

- the Internet browser for Kudo users who want to catalog and view groups of remote files.

- an easy and simple way to access remote file locations via FTP or HTTP

- a simple FTP/HTTP client for Windows 95/NT4 users with a Windows **File Explorer** copycat interface.

- tightly integrated with **Kudo Image Browser** and **Kudo Image Viewer**.

Kudo Internet File Browser users can:

- Transparently access image, media and document files on remote systems from **Kudo Image Browser** and **Kudo Image Viewer**

- Select and copy, move, delete, rename, view and catalog file(s) on remote systems from a Windows 95/NT4 workstation.

- Select and copy file(s) between the local and remote file systems with familiar commands.

- Maintain Web or FTP sites on remote file systems using familiar Windows **File Explorer** commands.

- Gain a unique perspective of Web sites in a simple structured hierarchy list view of HTTP links.

Opening Kudo Internet Multimedia Suite for the First Time

Starting **Kudo Image Browser** for the first time opens the Sample catalog, **Kudo Image Viewer** with an image and the **Kudo Internet File Browser** with informational messages for first time users.

Experienced Kudo users

Open **Kudo Internet File Browser** from the **Kudo Image Browser** or **Kudo Image Viewer** Toolbar button, Help menu selection or from the Windows **Start** menu.   The fastest way to open **Kudo Image Browser** is by double clicking on a catalog. Create a desktop shortcut to **Kudo Internet File Browser** if you are doing a lot of work on remote file systems.

Right-clicking on Kudo catalog thumbnails linked to URLs displays the remote file in **Kudo Image Viewer**.   To display the remote file, **Kudo Image Browser** tells **Kudo Internet File Browser** to access the URL and copy the file to the local default path.   Once the file is on the local system, **Kudo Image Browser** tells **Kudo Image Viewer** to display it.   Change the catalog to List View or select the Info button to see if the thumbnail is linked to a URL.

Double left-clicking on thumbnails linked to URLs opens the URL in the Microsoft **Internet Explorer** or **Netscape Navigator**.

Gathering Images, Movies and other cool files from the Internet

Use Kudo to get more value from your Internet surfing expeditions. Kudo helps surfers simplify collection of cool images, movies, sounds, office documents and links from the Internet.

To make Internet surfing expeditions simpler and faster with Kudo, you can:

- Select and keep images, movies and sounds from the **Internet Explorer** window by dropping them on an open Kudo catalog. Your surfing booty is conveniently stored in a Kudo catalog linked to the original files in the **Temporary Internet Files** folder and to the URL. You can easily move the files you want to another folder with the **Move Image Files** selection of the **Kudo Image Browser Edit Found Set** menu.

- Visit your favorite content rich FTP or Web site with **Kudo Internet File Browser**. Create a download folder in the /KudoBr50/contents directory and select groups of files to catalog or view. All files viewed or cataloged will be copied to your local file system in the /KudoBr50/contents download folder.

- Drop your Favorites folder on **Kudo Image Browser** and watch as thumbnail catalog of your favorite URLs is created. The resulting Kudo catalog is a better tool for organizing your surfing expeditions and selecting your Web visits than the **Internet Explorer Favorites** folder.

Kudo Internet File Browser allows you to collect cool files from the Internet much the same way that you gather files with Kudo using the Windows **File Explorer**.

Creating an Internet Catalog

An Internet catalog is a Kudo catalog that has a URL link in the **Notes** field of the thumbnail records.   To create an Internet catalog you can add the URL to the **Notes** field of an existing catalog or you can use **Kudo Internet File Browser** to create a new Internet catalog.

To add the URL to the Notes field of an existing catalog. Open the catalog and select a record. Open the thumbnail editor via the **Edit Thumbnail Info** selection of the **Edit Record** menu. Add URL: http://www.mydomain.com/filesdirectory/myfile.xxx to the first line of the **Notes** field. Closing the editor writes the new text to the record.   Remember that letter case is important on most UNIX systems.

If you use drag and drop to add Internet files from the **Internet Explorer** window, **Favorites** folder, **History** folder or **Temporary Internet Files** folder to a catalog, **Kudo Image Browser** will automatically add the URL information to the new record.

It is easier to have **Kudo Internet File Browser** automatically create an Internet catalog for groups of files. To create an Internet catalog with **Kudo Internet File Browser**:

Open **Kudo Internet File Browser** and select **Connect to FTP** or **Connect to HTTP** from the **Tools** menu.   Enter the FTP directory URL or the HTTP page URL that has the files you want to catalog.   Enter the local path for storing the downloaded files. Check the **Use this Folder for all Downloads** box.   Click on **OK** to start the operation.

Web pages and FTP directories appear as folders on the left side of the **Kudo Internet File Browser** window. All files linked to an HTML page appear as line items on the right side of the **Kudo Internet File Browser** window.   All files in an FTP directory appear as line items on the right side of the **Kudo Internet File Browser** window.

Select files that you want to catalog from the right side of the **Kudo Internet File Browser** window using the same selection techniques as used with the **Windows File Explorer**.   One left click selects.   Selecting more files with a second left click requires you to hold down the Ctrl or Shift key.

Clicking on the **Catalog Selected Images** toolbar button begins the automatic process of downloading and cataloging.   If you have a catalog open, the downloaded files will be added. **Kudo Image Browser** will ask you to create a new catalog if none is open.

If the file is not in the local path shown in the Location field, the Internet catalog has the following behaviour:

Double left clicking on a thumbnail opens your default Internet Browser with the linked file.

Right clicking on a thumbnail causes Kudo to ask you if you want to get the file from the Internet.

Managing Content Rich Web and FTP sites

Webmasters can use **Kudo Internet File Browser** to perform FTP and Web site maintenance operations including copy, rename, delete, move, play, view and add to Kudo catalog. Seamless integration between local and remote files systems and the copycat **File Explorer** interface makes **Kudo Internet File Browser** easy and obvious.

Move or copy files between remote and local file systems via FTP with a simple drag and drop motion.

Right click a file to view it. Ctrl+right click a file to catalog it.

The **Kudo Internet File Browser** also displays HTTP links in a useful list view.

Web site Maintenance

The Internet is hot and the suits want to put everything up on the Web site.   Nobody understands that you can't just put stuff on the Web site.   Images have to be converted and captions added. Thumbnails have to be made and linked.   Pages have to be created and updated consistently. Indexes have to be updated and reorganized.   Files have to be deleted, copied and moved from directory to directory and from the server to your local system and back.

It's hard to keep a consistent style and quality look while you add and update pages, work with multiple contributors and have to put up content not designed for the Web.

Kudo helps you to solve these problems.

Removing duplicates and cleaning up pages

Logon to your Web site via HTTP with **Kudo Internet File Browser** and catalog all your links and files.   This puts your Web site in a totally new perspective.   Browse the catalog of your Web site looking for problem pages.   Easily see duplicate pages, duplicate images and pages that look out of place.

Simultaneously logon to your Web site via FTP with **Kudo Internet File Browser** and easily remove, rename or otherwise fix the bad files.

Edit the pages that look out of place by dropping them from the Kudo catalog onto your favorite HTML editor. Logon to your Web site via FTP with **Kudo Internet File Browser** and drop your edited files onto your Web site.

Logon to your Web site via FTP with **Kudo Internet File Browser** and catalog the directories that serve your Web pages.   Compare the catalog of your Web site made via HTTP and FTP to find unlinked files and other junk files that you were afraid to delete because they may be used somewhere.

HTTP Access

To visit a Web page with Kudo Internet File Browser, open the application and click on the HTTP button on the Toolbar or click on the HTTP folder in the upper part of the left hand **Kudo Internet File Browser** window.   Add the destination URL to the "Enter HTTP name to connect to" dialog.   Check the "Add this image to a Kudo catalog" selection box if you want to catalog the HTML page you are visiting.   You must enter a valid local path to copy the downloaded files to.   Clicking on OK causes **Kudo Internet File Browser** to try to connect you to your destination Web page.

The connected destination Web page displays as a folder in the upper part of the left hand **Kudo Internet File Browser** window.   The links on the destination page display in the upper part of the right hand **Kudo Internet File Browser** window.

Select a link to an HTML document, GIF or JPG image and right click it to display it in the **Kudo Image Viewer** window.   Ctrl right click the link to catalog it in the current **Kudo Image Browser** catalog.

Select All from the Edit menu and click on the **Kudo Image Browser** button (the eye) on the tool bar to catalog all the links on the destination Web page.

Select All from the Edit menu and click on the **Kudo Image Viewer** button (the binoculars) on the tool bar to display all the links on the destination Web page.   Add the files displayed in the **Kudo Image Viewer** to the current catalog with a right click or select the Catalog All Images button on the **Kudo Image Viewer** toolbar.

Click the X button on the **Kudo Internet File Browser** toolbar if you want to stop a process.

You can have an unlimited number of HTTP connections open.

FTP Access

To access a remote file system via FTP, open KIFB and click on the FTP button on the Toolbar or click on the FTP folder in the upper part of the left hand **Kudo Internet File Browser** window. Add the destination URL to the "Enter FTP Server info to connect to" dialog. Add a Username and Password if you are not Anonymous user. You must enter a valid local path to copy the downloaded files to if you are copying files from the FTP server. Clicking on OK causes **Kudo Internet File Browser** to try to connect you to your destination FTP server.

The connected destination FTP server displays it's directories as folders in the left hand **Kudo Internet File Browser** window. The files in a selected directory display in the right hand **Kudo Internet File Browser** window.

Select a file and right click it to display it in the **Kudo Image Viewer** window. Ctrl right click the file to catalog it in the current **Kudo Image Browser** catalog.

Select All from the Edit menu and click on the **Kudo Image Browser** button (the eye) on the tool bar to catalog all the files in the selected directory.

Select All from the Edit menu and click on the **Kudo Image Viewer** button (the binoculars) on the tool bar to display all the files from the selected directory. Add the files displayed in the **Kudo Image Viewer** to the current catalog with a right click or select the Catalog All Images button on the **Kudo Image Viewer** toolbar.

Drag and drop or copy and paste files between directories on an FTP server and the local file system in the same manner as you copy and move files between volumes and folders in the Windows File Explorer. You can also create new or delete folders on the FTP server according to your user account privileges.

Click the X button on the **Kudo Internet File Browser** toolbar if you want to stop a process.

You can have up to 20 simultaneous FTP connections. Reactivate a timed out connection by double clicking on the any file or folder on the server.

The other functions of the **Kudo Internet File Browser** behave similar to the Windows **File Explorer** functions.