NCSA Mosaic User Information

Documentation for Mosaic DOES exist. You can find it online via the "Documentation" link on our home page, http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/SDG/Software/WinMosaic/HomePage.html. We have also made these **html** files available from our anonymous ftp server, ftp.ncsa.uiuc.edu. You can find the file mosdocA5.zip in the /PC/Windows/Mosaic/Documents directory. You can download this file, unzip it and view the documentation locally using File, Open Local File.... function.

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Save, Save As... Save and Save As will allow users to save the current URL to their local disk. When you select this option you will get a the standard Windows "Save As" dialog box, with which you can rename the file and place it in a desired directory.

Save and Save As has limitations. For example, Save and Save As will only save the html file. It will not save the inline images that are associated with the html file. Thus, when you open up the local file you will probably get image error icons if the images were relatively defined within the document. The work around to this problem is to either save the images to your machine or edit the html file to ensure the location of the image file is explicitly defined. The other limitation of Save and Save As is related to Caching of documents. Save and Save As will not work with documents from the cache. If you want to save a file from the cache you will have to reload the document. Mosaic provides a visual reference on the tool bar when Save and Save As is functional. The diskette icon will turn blue. This is the first release of Save and Save As and we plan on eliminating these limitations in a future release of Mosaic.

Tool Tips Tool tips offer the user information about the tool icons. Just point at an icon in the toolbar and after a second tool tips will pop up a small dialog box with a statement about the functionallity of that particular tool.

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Face Lift You will notice that we have removed the Document Title from the old Document URL/Title area. We moved the Document Title into the Title bar of the window. This allowed us to increase the size of the Document View area and decrease the size of the animated icon.

Kiosk Mosaic

Kiosk Mosaic will allow the use of our Web browser without certain potentially hazardous functions. ie. Load to Disk, the Menu Editor, etc.. We primarily wrote this version for our user base that offers the use of this web browser in a public setting. The local public library is a good example of such a setting. Kiosk Mosaic is designed to remain on top at all times and it will not allow the user change or reconfigure the option settings. Thus, an administrator now has the ability to protect his machine and a set of desire configuration paramenters. To enter the kiosk mode you need to envoke the program from the command line using the -k option. From your Program Manager, select File, Run... and you will be given a dialog box that will allow you to enter the directory path and the executable name. i.e. c:\directory\path\mosaic -k   (where there is a space between mosaic and -k)

The Menus include:

MENU	Function	Description
File	Open URL....(Ctrl - O)	Opens a Network URL
	Exit	Exits Mosaic
Edit	Find...	Allows word searches of the current document
Navigate	History	Opens the History Window
Help	Online Documentation	A link to our online documention
	FAQ Page	A link to our Frequently Asked Questions
	Bug List	A link to our Current Bug List
	Feature List	A link to our Current Feature List

User Configurable Menus
Starting Points   (Totally configurable by the system administrator)

Other Information: Since the Mosaic's kiosk mode still reads the mosaic.ini file that resides in your windows menu, you will need to configure the desired environment before you use the -k option. For example, the size of your screen and the desired pull-down menus.

Help

We've decided to add relevant URLs to the Help Menu.   However, these links will only useful if you are online. Here's what they link to:

Online Documentation
FAQ Page
Bug List
Feature Page