

# About macgix "Grabber" 1.0.3

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## **Intention:**

It was my intention to write a useful script for Thorsten Lemkes' GraphicConverter 3.9, but the application has very little AppleScript support right now, so i did not know what could be useful to write...

But my first idea still remained with me: If you view a web-page with Internet Explorer, you may want to use it's Download Manager to download all the pictures of that page you like so much, but it's a timeconsuming job.

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## **So, here is what's needed:**

A "Grabber" application, that gets the HTML-source from the browser so waiting for the page finish loading is not necessary. The code will be held and processed in the "Grabber" immediately.

Then the "Grabber" extracts all the ".gif" and ".jpg" image source-tags from the code (btw.: This works with ".htm", ".html" and ".asp" pages; i know you liked me to make it that way ;-)) and builds a list of all pictures that could be found within the web-page that is displayed to you and may be edited.

If the "Add more brain" option is enabled "../" and "../.." in URLs will be traced back to the right path, so more pages can be "grabbed" (slower!)

You may add several pages to the list and edit the entries (delete an entry by doubleclicking it) in the list after all items were "grabbed".

If you hit the "Start" button, all files will be downloaded to a temporary folder called "Grabbed Pictures" on your startup disk, and if the download sequence was successfully finished (normally it would) this folder is placed in a folder called "grabs" and named with a date- and timestamp.

More information will be found in the splash screen of the application itself. Just launch and read.

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## **A note about copyrights:**

Please keep in mind, that pictures you download may be copyrighted. Please keep the copyrights and deal with downloaded pictures in a legal manner!

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## **A note about crashes:**

I recommend you to save all open documents and quit open applications before using macgix Grabber because i found some pages, that lead the Grabber to crash or the machine to freeze. They are very seldom, but who can guarantee that every HTML is error-free?

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## **Disclaimer and Restrictions:**

(The „Quit"-button in the splash screen of the DEMO does not work).

The DEMO Version is restricted by processing **11** files max. You may register "macgix Grabber 1.0" at <<http://order.kagi.com/cgi-bin/r1.cgi?5QF>>

After macgix received your registration, you will receive your individually personalized full featured version via eMail within two business days.

The shareware fee is **\$25 US** for a single user license, \$399 US for a site license and \$1299 US for a world wide site-license.

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Ask me for more information or bug-reports: Thomas K. <[macgix@macgix.com](mailto:macgix@macgix.com)>

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## Version History:

### 1.0.3

Support for ".shtml" pages added ([.shtml is no more included in URLs](#))

Support for absolute URLs added ([no more double "http://" in URLs](#))

Support for URLs starting with a "/" added ([no more "/" in URLs](#))

"Quit"-button on splash screen now works

Note about copyrighted pictures added to the ReadMe file

Support for downloading images with identical filenames but different URLs added

Note about compatibility added ([some pages may cause freezes, this issue is still investigated](#))

You may now see the URL that is downloaded in the Grabber window in full length

Removed "memory growing until full" bug.

### 1.0.2

Some bugfixes in the analyzer module. Should find more pictures now in pages with non standardized HTML. (e.g.: `<img height=222 width=123 src=./images/pict.gif>` instead of `<img src=./images/pict.gif height=222 width=123>`)

Added a button to view the URL of a selected picture listed in the listbox after a grab.

Changed the location to store temporary or stored files from „preferences folder" to „startup disk" to add compatibility with „Multiple Users"/"Macintosh Manager" in Mac OS 9. (Now it is more easy to check for partially grabbed files if an error occured or you cancelled by hitting Command-. [period].)

Added redundant download routine. If the download goes wrong for the first time it will be repeated a second time. (This slows down the downloads a little bit, but ensures, that you will get all the pictures, especially on slower connections [using a 28.8 modem, GMS or UMTS with a cell phone, etc.])

Regular macgix splash screen and generic macgix software icon have been added.

About screen now has a close button and may be disabled at launch or from the „About"-menu. (i now, you wanted it that way more than trying to click the blue frame, that mostly was not easy... ;-))

Renamed some entries in the preferences window. (i know, there is still a cosmetic bug, that will be fixed in the next release, i did not want to recompile again in the noon... [wrote „Graficconverter" instead of „GraphicConverter", sorry Thorsten])

Changed „Close window after grab" into „Quit application after grab". (I think this is more

useful now)

Changed default settings (the settings that are set, when the application is launched the first time) to {Add more brain (slower):false, Quit application after grab:false, Postprocess items:true, Append Items:true, Show warnings:true, Show progress window:false}

Changed the shareware-license fee. (One license for both, private and commercial use, one price only!)

Tested compatibility with Internet Explorer 4.5 (The Grabber application will ask you for your Explorer web-browser and requests you to locate your copy of „Internet Explorer 4.5“, but you may choose „Internet Explorer 5“ instead !)

## 1.0.1

Minor fixes, internal update.  
Not released.

## 1.0a1

First public release.

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### Planned for the next release:

- „iCab“ support (because a lot of you use it and you won't have to view the page!)
- Picture viewer (requires .jpg and .gif support in FaceSpan or QT-conversion)
- More details (user's wishlist)
- Better postprocessing (requires more scripting ability of GraphicConverter)

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### System Requirements:

Mac OS 8.5.1 or later (Mac OS 9 recommended)  
4 MB free memory dedicated to „Grabber“.  
URL Access Scripting Scripting Additon (has to be installed on Mac OS 8.5.1 manually)  
Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.5 or 5  
QuickDraw 3D (due to a bug in the FaceSpan 3.5 environment)  
Access to an internet- or intranetserver serving web-pages.

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