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Browser Features	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
Ease-of-Use & Personalization				
AutoComplete Address Bar	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes
Integrated Channel, Search, History & Favorite Explorer Bars	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Drag and drop to Favorites, toolbar or menu	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Thumbnail view of Favorite sites	Yes	No	No	Yes
Offline browsing	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Navigation History with Back & Next buttons	Yes	Yes ☞	Yes ☞	Yes
Reorder and Combine toolbars	Yes	Yes ☞	Yes	Yes
Integrate mail, news, calendar and conference clients of choice	Yes	Yes ¹	Yes	No
User selectable full-screen browser mode	Yes	Yes	No	No
User-friendly Error, Alert and Status messages	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
International Language Support	30	10	9	3
Dynamic HTML				
Document Object Model	Yes	Yes	Yes ☞	Yes
Dynamic Style	Yes	Yes	Yes ☞	Yes
Dynamic Content	Yes	Yes	Yes ☞ ²	Yes
Dynamic Positioning	Yes	Yes	Yes ☞	Yes
Data Binding	Yes	TBD	TDC ☞	TDC
HTML 3.2 & Compatibility				
HTML 3.2 Support	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CSS1, CSS-Positioning	Yes	Yes	Yes ☞	Yes
Downloadable Web fonts	Yes	TBD	Yes	No
HTML 4.0 Working Draft support	Yes	Yes	Yes ☞	Yes
Enhanced Frames (borderless, inline, floating)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Forms & Table enhancements	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
File upload	Yes	Yes ☞	Yes	Yes
Interactivity				
Support for ActiveX™ technologies	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
COM/DCOM support	Yes	No	No	Yes
Security and Privacy				
Security Zones	Yes	Yes ☞	Yes ☞	Yes
Certificate support	Yes	Yes ☞	Yes	No

¹ Mail and News Only; MAPI based.
² No TextRange support
 TBD = To Be Determined
 TDC = Tabular Data Control
 ☞ Will be in Final Release
 † Platform does not support
 ⊙ No PCT Support

Security and Privacy	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
SSL 2.0/3.0 support, PCT 1.0 support	Yes	Yes	Yes ⊙	Yes ⊙
Code signing for Navigator plug-ins, ActiveX	Yes	No	TBD	No
Code signing for Java Applets	Yes	No	TBD	No
Code signing for scripting	Yes	No	TBD	No
Support for Java Applet “sandboxing”	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Capabilities-based Java security	Yes	No	Final	No
PICS rating system with pluggable ratings	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Global Cookie Disable option	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Java	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
Improved AWT	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Advanced Class Libraries	Yes (AFC)	No	Yes	Yes
JDK 1.1 cross-platform support	Yes	No	Yes	Yes ³
JavaBeans support	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Automatic and bi-directional integration of ActiveX components and JavaBeans	Yes	No	No	No
DHTML Object Model exposed to Java	Yes	No	TBD	Yes
Multimedia class libraries with support for DirectX™ API	Yes	No	TBD	No
Auto Install of Java™ class libraries	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
Installable JIT architecture	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Just in Time compiler	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Complete Communication & Collaboration

Communication and Collaboration	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
Mail				
SMTP/POP3, NNTP, IMAP4, LDAP, MIME, S/MIME, MIME HTML standard support	Yes	Yes ☞	Yes ☞	TBD
Can view and compose full HTML messages	Yes	Yes	Yes ☞	TBD
Multiple mail servers	Yes	Yes	Yes ☞	TBD
Offline Mail and News support	Yes	Yes	Yes ☞	TBD
Rich Mail filtering	Yes	Yes	Yes ☞	TBD
Search Messages on server and locally	Local	Yes Local	Yes ☞	TBD

³ No RMI, JDBC or JAR support.

Communication and Collaboration Mail	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
Auto Add to Address Book	Yes	Yes #	Yes #I	TBD
LDAP Lookup	Yes	Yes #	Yes #	TBD
Automatic name resolution from Personal Address Book and LDAP servers	Yes	No	No	TBD
Three-pane view	Yes	Yes #	Yes #	TBD
Customizable toolbar	Yes	TBD	No	TBD
Stationary templates	Yes	Yes #	Yes #	TBD
vCard support	Yes	Yes #	No	TBD
Secure password authentication using SASL	Yes	TBD	No	TBD
Send encrypted or signed mail	Yes	Yes #	Yes #	TBD
Newsgroups & Discussions	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
Customizable toolbar	Yes	No	Yes #	TBD
HTML View and Compose	Yes	Yes #	Yes #	TBD
Multiple news servers	Yes	Yes #	Yes #	TBD
Threaded Message views	Yes	Yes #	Yes #	TBD
Watch Response Threads to My Messages	Yes	Yes #	Yes #	TBD
Create internal discussion groups	Yes	Yes	Yes #	TBD
Secure discussions with SSL 3.0	Yes	Yes	Yes #	TBD
Communication and Collaboration Live Conferencing	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
Standards-based conferencing	T.120,H.323	No	3 rd Party	3 rd Party
Native Application sharing	Yes - multipoint	No	3 rd Party	3 rd Party
Audio Conferencing/Internet Telephony (H.323 - G.711, G.723.1)	Yes	No	3 rd Party	3 rd Party
Video Conferencing (H.323 - H.263, H.261)	Yes	No	3 rd Party	3 rd Party
Data Conferencing (T.120 Multipoint)	Yes	No	3 rd Party	3 rd Party
LDAP Directory Lookup	Yes	No	3 rd Party	TBD
Collaborative Whiteboard	Multipoint	No	3 rd Party	3 rd Party
Multipoint File Transfer (T.127 standard)	Yes	No	3 rd Party	3 rd Party
Chat	Multipoint	No	3 rd Party	3 rd Party
Live & On-Demand Broadcasting	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
Streaming video playback	Yes	No	Yes	TBD
Streaming illustrated audio (images synchronized with audio tracks)	Yes	No	Yes	TBD
Streaming audio	Yes	No	Yes	TBD
Live Audio IP Multicast	Yes	No	Yes	TBD
Video IP Multicast	Yes	No	Yes	TBD
File IP Multicast	Yes	No	Yes	TBD
Rich scheduling capabilities	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
HTML Authoring & Publishing	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
PageWizard and templates	Yes	No	No	No
WYSIWYG editing	Yes	No	No	No
Table editing and creation	Yes	No	No	No
Import and convert images	Yes (with	No	No	No

Communication and Collaboration Live Conferencing	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
	Office 97)			
Style pages	Yes	No	No	No
Netscape plug-ins	Yes	No	No	No
Java Applets	Yes	No	No	No
ECMAScript	Yes	No	No	No
ActiveX Controls	Yes	No	No	No
Visual Basic Script	Yes	No	No	No
Web Publishing Wizard	Yes	No	No	No
Web server	Yes	No	Yes	TBD

Webcasting of Sites and Channels

Webcasting Channels	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
Webcast any site (simple site crawl)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Easy optimized Webcast of existing sites	Yes	Yes	Yes #	Yes
Exclusive Premium Channels	Yes	Yes	Yes #	Yes
Channel content type supported: any HTML, Dynamic HTML, Java, ActiveX Controls	Yes	Yes ⁴	Yes #	TBD
Proposed Channel Definition Format support	Yes	Yes	Yes #	YES
Author-Optimized Delivery Options	Yes	Yes	Yes #	Yes
Open Architecture for Back-end Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD
Site architecture changes required	No	No	No	TBD
Multicast support	Yes	No	No	TBD
Channels integrated with browser	Yes	Yes	Yes #	No
Offline Channel viewing	Yes	Yes	Yes #	No
Full-screen channel viewing	Yes	TBD	No	No
Channel Guide/Finder	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Subscriptions	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
In locally cached Web pages	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD
In Desktop Web items, channels, tickers	Yes	No	No	TBD
In taskbars	Yes	No	No	TBD
In Mail	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
E-mail, Desktop, Subscription Status Folder	Yes	No	Yes	TBD

Offline Reading	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
Offline support for Web sites and channels	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Monitor and download Favorite Web sites with auto Web sitecrawl	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD
Single cache for browser and channels	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD
Support site passwords	Yes	Yes	No	TBD
Download control over page depth sitecrawl	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD
Download control over images, applets, controls, audio and video	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD
Customized download schedule	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD

⁴ Except ActiveX controls

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Integration between the Web and the PC

True Web Integration Features	Win32	Win3.1	Mac	Unix
Single Explorer				
Single-click navigation and icon launching (on Web, PC, LAN)	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Single window for navigating PC and Web	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Unified toolbar adjusts for file or Web browsing	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Combined Web and local Favorites, available everywhere	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
HTML viewing of file systems	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Native File Management	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
HTML-based Help	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Start Menu & Taskbar				
Win32 Win3.1 Mac Unix				
Launch Web icons	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Contains your Favorite Web sites	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Drag-and-drop customization of all items (applications, favorites, etc.)	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Allows creation of multiple toolbars for launching files, apps, Web tasks	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Switch natively between applications	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Can contain optional URL address bar, favorite links, tickers or desktop shortcuts	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Can contain file shortcuts or search forms	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Toolbars can float, dock or merge anywhere	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Active Desktop				
Win32 Win3.1 Mac Unix				
Web Desktop items on the native desktop	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Add items via button-click, drag & drop	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Rearrange or resize desktop items	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
User-configurable desktop	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Screen Saver	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Show pre-existing content from native desktop	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Create custom desktops and manage them	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Automatically update content via Web	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶
Offline caching	Yes	NA ¶	NA ¶	NA ¶

Tentative Ship Dates:

Windows 95/NT: End of summer.

Macintosh: 30-90 Days after Win32

Unix: Beta for Solaris Q497; Release Q198
Platforms supported Solaris and HPUX;

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