

URL Manager Pro

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What is URL Manager Pro?

URL Manager Pro is the professional bookmark manager for use with the web browsers Explorer, Netscape, Chimera, OmniWeb, iCab, Opera and Mozilla. It provides you with a central repository of bookmarks. You can have one or more documents containing your bookmarks. In this way you can maintain and organize your bookmarks efficiently. In addition, you still have access to your bookmarks from within your web browser(s) via the Shared Menus feature and/or via a popup menu on the Mac OS X Dock. The main features of URL Manager Pro are:

1. **Integration.** You have access to your bookmarks from your browser's menu bar and from the Mac OS X Dock.
2. **Document Storage.** Your bookmarks are stored in URL Manager Pro bookmark documents, which you can store and manipulate in the normal Macintosh way. No need to hunt for your bookmarks in preferences folders of browsers. You can make automatic periodic saves and make copies of bookmark documents on backup devices on each save.
3. **History.** You can surf the web using several different browsers while URL Manager Pro will record the History of each.
4. **Importing and exporting bookmarks from and to your browser.** The File menu gives you a list of all of the browsers that URL Manager Pro can import from and export to. It lets you 'harvest' bookmarks by scanning HTML and text files for bookmarks and URLs.
5. **It lets you edit and organize bookmarks fast.** You can use inline editing, label and color your bookmarks and use drag and drop of bookmarks within and between bookmark windows.
6. **Tap Sherlock power.** You can index your bookmark file and tap the power of Sherlock to look for words in your bookmark files.
7. **Power Users.** Included are a menu extra (Mondriaan) and a Contextual Menu Manager plug-in.

Requirements: Mac OS X or Mac OS 9. Foreign language versions in Japanese, German, French, Italian and Spanish are available.

Installing URL Manager Pro

Simply put the application URL Manager Pro in your **Applications** folder and run it. URL Manager Pro will place a Component named "SharedMenus.component" in the following location automatically:

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If you want to follow the tutorial (which I strongly advice), you need to move the bookmark file **Sample** from the Startup Items folder of the URL Manager Pro folder to another location. Please create a folder Bookmarks in your Documents folder and create the folders named Cabinet and Startup Items in your Bookmarks folder. Move the bookmark file Sample to the **Startup Items** folder:

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The **Cabinet** folder is used to store your other bookmark files. You will have quick access to the bookmark files in your Cabinet from within your browser via the Cabinet submenu of the **Diamond** menu. See below an example showing the menu bar of the web browser Explorer, the Diamond menu and the Cabinet submenu. Between the Diamond menu and the Help menu, you see your shared Bookmarks menu (its menu title being a document icon). It contains all bookmarks from your current open bookmark file.

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To launch URL Manager Pro automatically when you surf the web, open **Preferences** from the **Diamond** menu in your browser (see above) and click the **At Startup** tab. Enable the preference **Launch URL Manager Pro at startup**.

Uninstalling

If you've tried URL Manager Pro and decided it's not for you, it's very simple to uninstall. Launch Internet Explorer and choose Preferences from the Diamond menu and click the **Deinstall** button. (You may also just remove the component from the Components folder.)

URL Manager Pro also runs fine without the Shared Menus Component (SMC). If you want to run URL Manager Pro without the SMC, open Shared Menus panel of Preferences and enable the preference **Disable Shared Menus**. This will make sure URL Manager Pro will not ask you again to install the SMC.

Documentation

URL Manager Pro comes with extensive documentation.

1. Use the **Help** menu in URL Manager Pro to read the URL Manager Pro and Shared Menus Help books
2. A User's Guide in Acrobat **PDF** format - <<http://www.url-manager.com/userguide.pdf>>
3. A tutorial in Acrobat **PDF** format - <<http://www.url-manager.com/tutorial.pdf>>

You can also find the tutorial in the URL Manager Pro folder of this distribution.

Purchasing URL Manager Pro

URL Manager Pro is distributed as shareware. This means that you may evaluate it free for 30 days, but if you continue using it beyond that time, you must purchase a license for \$25 (US). After paying for your copy, you will receive upgrades and technical support, as well as a code to disable the registration reminders.

To buy one or more copies of URL Manager Pro, use the menu commands of the **Support** menu in URL Manager Pro. You may choose to purchase URL Manager Pro through **Kagi**, **PayPal**, or **eSellerate**. These payment processing companies accept cash, check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and Money Orders as payment. If you are interested in site licenses please order them through Kagi.

When you are in Germany, Spain or Holland, you can pay via direct bank transfer as well. Please read:

<<http://www.url-manager.com/order.html>>

Note that the price of URL Manager Pro 3 also includes a license for URL Manager Pro 2.8, might you need to run URL Manager Pro on a Mac OS 8 system.

Upgrading from URL Manager Pro 2.x

You are entitled to a \$14 discount on the price of URL Manager Pro 3, making your upgrade cost \$10.95. You can purchase the upgrade via eSellerate (choose Purchase Upgrade from the **Support** menu) or use PayPal:

<<http://www.url-manager.com/paypal.html>>

Technical Support

The latest news, technical support answers, and updates can be found on our Web Site at:

<<http://www.url-manager.com/>>

and in particular the FAQ:

<<http://www.url-manager.com/faq.html>>

To subscribe to the URL Manager Pro discussion list, go here:

<<http://www.url-manager.com/list.html>>

Please send any comments, bugs, or technical support questions to:

<<mailto:support@url-manager.com>>

Limitations

Shared menus are not shown in OmniWeb. Please contact the developers of this browser and convince them to add Shared Menus support.

Does it "patch" my system?

URL Manager Pro does not patch Mac OS X, but it does extend individual applications when they are launched by means of the Shared Menus Component (SMC). This means that the SMC loads a small piece of program code into each application's memory space (in RAM) so that it can add the Diamond and bookmarks menu to your browser's menu bar. The SMC does *not* make any changes to your application or system files. Simply removing the SMC from the Components folder will completely remove all of its effects.

Credits

URL Manager Pro is designed and programmed by Alco Blom. Another popular program by this shareware author is Web Confidential. Web Confidential for Mac, Palm and Windows can be downloaded from the Web Confidential web site:

<<http://www.web-confidential.com>>