

## Ease of Use

Improvements to the look and behavior of Internet Explorer make browsing more trouble-free and smooth. Other improvements close the gap between working on the Web and working on your desktop computer.

### *Smooth Exploring*

Larger toolbar buttons that change colors when you point to them, smooth scrolling, and simplified URL addressing are just a few of the ways navigating the Web is easier with Internet Explorer. To help you find information more quickly, the Search button provides instant access to the most powerful search engines on the Web. And, you can create Internet Shortcuts just by dragging hyperlinks to your desktop.

### *Enhanced Internet Printing*

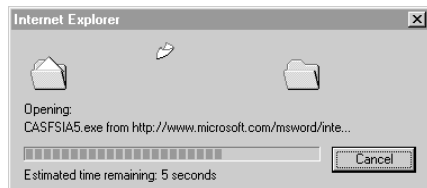
Microsoft Internet Explorer provides better printing support with the ability to print a table of hyperlinks when you print a Web page. That way you'll know the URL of a hyperlink without revisiting the site.

### *Hot Tracking Button*

Larger, friendlier buttons that change color when the mouse hovers over them increase the ease with which people can navigate. Plus, text descriptions under the buttons can be sized according to your Windows appearance.

### *Download Information Dialog Box*

Provides information about the size of the file and an ongoing estimate about the time remaining before the download is complete.

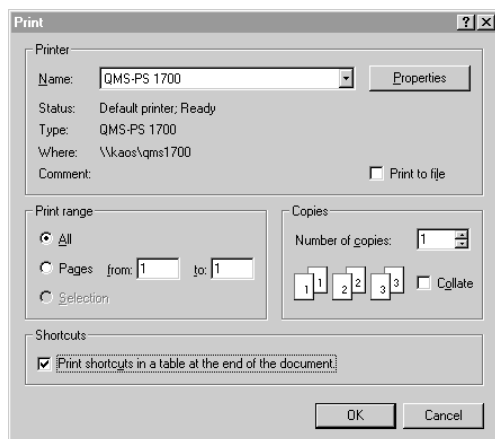


**Figure 18** Keep track of the status of file as it is downloading.

### *Enhanced Internet Printing*

Microsoft Internet Explorer provides enhanced Internet printing capabilities, including:

- **Print Table of Links.** When you print a Web page from within Internet Explorer 3.0, you can also choose to print a table of links that specifies URLs. Instead of just seeing underlined links on your printed page, a table appears at the end of the document telling you the address of each link.



- **Figure 19** Print a table that tells you where all the links on a Web page go.

The following printing enhancements will be available in later releases of Internet Explorer:

- **Print Preview.** A screen representation of how the page will be printed, a feature similar to wordprocessing applications, such as Microsoft Word.
- **Drag and Drop Printing.** Drag a URL onto your printer icon, and it will launch IE and print the page.
- **Selective Printing.** Print only the portion of a Web page that the user has highlighted.
- **Recursive Printing.** Print the current Web page, plus print all of the Web pages that this page links to, plus all of the pages that they link to, etc. The user may specify a variety of limits, such as maximum levels of recursion, maximum pages printed, pages at this site only, etc.
- **Background Printing.** When the user elects to print the current page, the page is copied and printed in a separate thread, leaving the user free to move to another page in the browsing window.

In addition, we are working on a number of enhancements to image printing, including better resolution, images spanning pages, and background image options.

### ***Improved Frames Navigation***

Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 reduces the confusion about navigating and printing frames. Now, when you click the Back button, you can retrace the frames you visit instead of simply jumping back to the last Web page (URL) you visited.

### ***Smooth Scrolling***

Lets you keep track of content while scrolling through a page packed with information. Pressing the PAGE UP or PAGE DOWN keys, or using the scrolling arrows, makes the page scroll like a video without any jerky movements.

### ***Search Button***

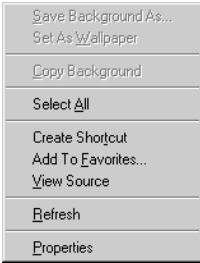
A search button on the Internet Explorer toolbar (the globe with the magnifying glass) provides instant access to powerful Internet search engines like Yahoo, Lycos, and Infoseek. These search engines are accessible at any time just by clicking the Open Search Page button. Plus, you can change your default search page whenever you want by clicking the View menu, clicking Options, and then clicking the Start And Search Pages tab and following the instructions on the screen.

### ***Simplified URLs***

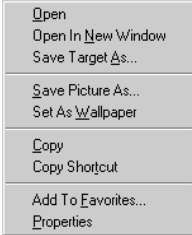
Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 intelligently determines the protocol of a particular site. Plus, you can type simplified site addresses. For example, you don't have to type "http" before a Web or intranet site address.

### ***Shortcut Menus***

Internet Explorer follows Windows 95 conventions of providing context menus for both graphics and Web page information displayed on Internet sites. These are accessed by right-clicking the item. Shortcut menus provide quick access to those commands that apply to the selected item.

- A screenshot of a web page context menu. The menu items are: 'Save Background As...', 'Set As Wallpaper', 'Copy Background', 'Select All', 'Create Shortcut', 'Add To Favorites...', 'View Source', 'Refresh', and 'Properties'.

- **Figure 20** Shortcut menu for Web page

- A screenshot of a context menu for a graphic with a link. The menu items are: 'Open', 'Open In New Window', 'Save Target As...', 'Save Picture As...', 'Set As Wallpaper', 'Copy', 'Copy Shortcut', 'Add To Favorites...', and 'Properties'.

- **Figure 21** Shortcut menu for graphic with link

### ***Internet Shortcuts***

Internet Explorer extends shortcuts to include global Internet sites. Instead of pointing to a file on the LAN or on a PC, an Internet shortcut can now point to a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) on the Internet. An Internet shortcut can be embedded in a document, mailed to a friend or colleague, or stored in a folder on your computer. Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 is “drag-and-drop enabled” for creating shortcuts and much more.