



# URL2Net 4.1

Welcome to URL2Net - the smart way to save Internet Shortcuts, Bookmarks and Hotlists

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Use URL2Net to grab an Internet address, a World Wide Web page or an ftp site for example, from any document and automatically add it your Netscape bookmarks file or create an Internet Shortcut. URL2Net will also save the Internet address in a number of formats for use in other World Wide Web browsers and Internet tools.

Context sensitive help is available for most URL2Net features. Place the mouse pointer over the feature of interest and press F1.

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## URL2Net Example

**Date:** Sat, 6 Jan 96 14:43 GMT  
**From:** pmtaylor@cix.compulink.co.uk (Peter Taylor)  
**Subject:** URL2Net Home page  
**To:** peter@starcourt.compulink.co.uk  
**Reply-To:** pmtaylor@cix.compulink.co.uk

**Just a reminder to visit the URL2Net home page at  
<http://www.compulink.co.uk/~starcourt/> for the latest  
news about URL2Net.**

A recently received e-mail message contains an important web address. To save this address follow these steps.

- Highlight the text of the message, including the web address.
- Use edit|copy to copy the selected, highlighted text to the windows clipboard.
- Start URL2Net.



Notice that the URL is decoded, using IntelliParse, from the message text with the remainder forming the description.

- Edit the description if required
- Click on Save and the bookmark is added to your Netscape bookmark file.
- The drop down Bookmark File list may be used to save the web address in a different format, as an Internet Shortcut for example



## How to use URL2Net

URL2Net is designed to make the capture of Internet resource addresses, World Wide Web pages and ftp site for example, as simple as possible. Follow the [example](#) to see for yourself.

URL2Net features are described in the following help topics

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URL2Net is available in 16 and 32 bit versions. Use 16 bit URL2Net on Windows 3.1, Windows 3.11 and Windows for Workgroups systems. Use 32 bit URL2Net on Win 95 and Win NT3.51 systems.



## The Bookmark Tab

Use the Bookmark tab to edit and save bookmarks and to select the current Bookmark File and current Folder. The bookmark tab is normally displayed when URL2Net is started, with the Windows clipboard already decoded, using IntelliParse into URL and Description.

### Bookmark File

Displays the current Bookmark File Use the down arrow to display the list of bookmark files and select a new current bookmark file.

### Folder

Displays the current Folder Use the down arrow to display the list of folders in the current Bookmark File and select a new current Folder

### URL

The URL of the new bookmark, grabbed from the clipboard or entered manually, is displayed here.

A bookmark must have a URL before it can be saved.

### Description

The descriptive portion of the new bookmark, grabbed from the clipboard or entered manually, is displayed here.

If a description is not entered the URL is used as the description when the bookmark is saved.

The description is displayed by your Web Browser when viewing your bookmarks.

### Save

The new bookmark is added to the current folder in the current bookmark file.

The URL is checked against a list of valid Resource Types maintained by URL2Net before the bookmark is saved.

The Check for Duplicate URL flag may cause a duplicate URL check to be performed before the bookmark is saved.

The URL and Description fields are cleared after the bookmark has been saved.

### Name

Displayed if the Netscape Name/Description setting is in effect. Will copy selected text from the Description to the Name input fields.

### Clear

Clears the URL and Description fields

### Grab Clipboard

Decodes the clipboard into the URL and Description fields

### Clean Up URL

Checks the URL for acceptable format and applies IntelliParse. Use this option if you have manually input the URL.

Input fields for ftp applications, WS\_FTP for example, are described here



## **FTP Tools**

WS\_FTP and other FTP applications need a different set of inputs from web browsers. URL and Description are replaced by the following fields-

### **Profile Name**

The descriptive name for the bookmark.  
A profile name must be entered.

### **Host Name**

The name of the ftp site.  
A Host Name must be entered.

### **Remote Dir**

The starting directory at the ftp site

### **Local Dir**

The directory on your system which will receive files transferred from the ftp site.  
Use the browse ... button to select this directory.

Host Name and Remote Dir are decoded from the URL portion of the Windows clipboard. The Profile Name is taken from the filename (if any) part of the URL plus the Description.



## Resource Types

Each URL is checked against a list of valid Resource Types maintained by URL2Net. A message is displayed if the Resource Type of the URL is not recognised giving the option to add this new Resource Type to URL2Net's list before adding the bookmark, or to ignore the Resource Type list and add the bookmark

These Resource Type definitions are distributed with URL2Net

- http
- https
- ftp
- gopher
- mailto
- mid
- cid
- news
- nntp
- prospero
- telnet
- wais



## Resource Prefixes

This table, contained in the Win 95/Windows NT registry or in the URL2Net initialisation file (URL2Net.ini), is used to support IntelliParse

The table contains a list of common URL prefixes and associated Resource Types. The following definitions are distributed with URL2Net.

www.	http://
ftp.	ftp://
gopher.gopher://	



## IntelliParse

URL2Net features advanced algorithms used for decoding the Windows Clipboard or Command Line parameter into URL and Description.

The clipboard is searched using the tables of Resource Types and Resource Prefixes to identify the URL.

Often, the URL is incorrectly stated in the message being decoded. URL2Net will apply a set of rules to present a correctly formatted URL on the Bookmark Tab URLs that have been corrected in this way are highlighted in red on the Bookmark Tab.

These URL are all decoded by URL2Net

<http://www.compulink.co.uk/~starcourt/>

<http://www.compulink.co.uk/~starcourt/>

[www.compulink.co.uk/~starcourt/](http://www.compulink.co.uk/~starcourt/)

IntelliParse only operates when the clipboard is being grabbed, or if Clean Up URL is selected. You may edit the URL as required to cope with any peculiar addressing requirement.





## The File Tab

Use the File tab to add new Bookmark Files to URL2Net and to remove Bookmark Files you no longer use.

### Bookmark File

Displays the current Bookmark File. Use the down arrow to display the list of bookmark files and select a new current bookmark file.

### Add Bookmark File

Starts the Add File dialog allowing a bookmark file to be added to URL2Net.

Once added, the new bookmark file becomes the current Bookmark File.

Some bookmark formats allow an empty bookmark file to be created by URL2Net.

### Remove File

Removes the current Bookmark File from URL2Net.

The bookmark file is not deleted from your hard disk.



## The Folder Tab

Use the Folder tab to add new folders and separators to the current Bookmark File

### Bookmark File

Displays the current Bookmark File Use the down arrow to display the list of bookmark files and select a new current bookmark file.

### Folder

Displays the current Folder Use the down arrow to display the list of folders in the current Bookmark File and select a new current Folder

### Folder Description

Enter the description of the new folder

### Add Folder

Adds a new folder to the end of the current Folder  
A Folder Description must be entered.

### Add Separator

Adds a separator line at the end of the current Folder



## The Settings tab

URL2Net's range of configurable settings are altered here

### Check for Duplicate URL

Setting this option causes URL2Net to check through the current Bookmark File before a new bookmark is saved to see if the URL of the new bookmark has already been added to the bookmark file. A message is displayed if a duplicate URL is found, giving the option to save the bookmark or to return to the Bookmark Tab without saving.

### Grab Clipboard on Restore

Set this option to decode the Windows clipboard whenever URL2Net is restored to a normal sized window from a minimised Windows 3.1 Icon, or from a minimised Win 95 task bar entry.

This setting is ignored if the bookmark has been altered but not yet saved.

### Use IntelliParse

Set this option to enable Intelliparse

### New Bookmark First

Adds the new bookmark to the beginning of the current Folder This setting has no effect if the target browser displays bookmarks in alphabetical order.

### Netscape Name/Description Split

Causes the bookmark to be saved in a URL/Name/Description format fully compatible with the Netscape Bookmark editor.

### Load to Menu Bar

URL2Net will start up as a floating menu bar on top of all other applications.

### Exit after Save

URL2Net will terminate after a bookmark is saved.

### Minimise after Save

If this option is set URL2Net will be minimised to a Windows 3.1 Icon, or a Win 95 task bar entry, after a bookmark is saved.

### Minimise to Menu Bar

If this option is set URL2Net will be displayed as a floating menu bar on top of all other applications after a bookmark has been saved.



## **Supported WWW browsers and Internet tools**

URL2Net supports a range of World Wide Web browsers and other Internet tools including, at time of writing (July 1996)

- Netscape Navigator, version 1.1 onwards
- Netscape Navigator Gold
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 32 bit
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 16 bit
- NCSA Mosaic
- CompuServe Spry Mosaic
- Netmanage WebSurfer
- WS\_FTP

Support for other Web browsers and Internet tools will be added to URL2Net from time to time.

Visit the URL2Net home page <http://www.compulink.co.uk/~starcourt/> for very latest URL2Net news.

A number of URL2Net features are not available for some browsers or Internet tools because that feature is not supported by that application. For instance, WS\_FTP does not support the concept of folders in its site list, so Add Folder button is not enabled for WS\_FTP.



## How to obtain Support

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the use, registration or distribution of URL2Net please contact the author, Peter Taylor, by e-mail at

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Please include URL2Net in the title of your e-mail message. If your message is concerns a problem using URL2Net please include full details of the nature of the problem, particularly the text of any message displayed by URL2Net or your operating system and the version of URL2Net which may be found by using the About menu entry.

You should normally receive a reply to your e-mail within 24 hours.

Support will be provided equally for both registered and unregistered users of URL2Net. However, the author reserves the right prioritise support responses and to discontinue support for unregistered users after the end of their evaluation period.

News about URL2Net, including the very latest version, may be obtained by visiting the URL2Net home page at <http://www.compulink.co.uk/~starcourt/>



## **Licence and Registration**

### **Licence**

Unregistered copies of URL2Net may be installed on any computer capable of running URL2Net for the purposes of evaluation URL2Net. This evaluation period must not exceed 30 days starting from the date URL2Net was installed on your computer. At the end of the evaluation period URL2Net must be removed from your computer unless you have registered URL2Net and obtained a registration number.

A Single User registration entitles you either to install URL2Net on a single computer, not on a network server, for use by all users of that single computer, **or** to install URL2Net on a number of computers, including a network server, for use by the registered user only. Put another way, a Single User registration entitles you to use URL2Net like a book. It may be used by a number of different users, but only by one user at a time.

A Site Licence registration entitles you to install URL2Net on any number of computers, up to the limit of your licence, for use by any user of those computers. If URL2Net is installed on a network server for use by any user you must have site licence for all the workstations connected to that network from which URL2Net may be run.

### **Registration**

Registering URL2Net brings 2 important benefits. Firstly registration removes the Unregistered URL2Net nag screen. Secondly, registration rewards the author and enables him to continue to develop URL2Net and other useful shareware programs. Please complete and mail the registration form [REGISTER.TXT](#) in your URL2Net installation directory.

If you have a CompuServe account you can have the registration fee debited from your account. REGISTER.TXT in your URL2Net installation directory contains more details.

Unregistered URL2Net is not crippled in any way, save for the Unregistered nag screen, so you are able to evaluate all the features of URL2Net. Please do not abuse this privilege by continuing to use URL2Net after the end of your evaluation period.

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## URL2Net Registration

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Please complete this order form and mail with full payment to

URL2Net Registration  
Starcourt Computers Ltd  
PO Box 3  
ENFIELD  
EN1 3DT  
United Kingdom

Payment must be by cheque in Pounds Sterling drawn on a UK bank,  
by international money order drawn in Pounds Sterling, or in  
cash (notes only) in Pounds Sterling.

Orders received from outside the United Kingdom may be paid for  
in cash (notes only) sent at the senders risk in US Dollars,  
German Marks or French Francs. Cash payments should be for an  
amount converted from the Sterling equivalent at the prevailing  
tourist rate and may be rounded to eliminate cents, pfennigs,  
centimes.

URL2Net Single User \_\_\_\_\_ copies at £15 each = \_\_\_\_\_

URL2Net Site Licence

2 to 5 computers: \_\_\_\_\_ computers at £10 each = \_\_\_\_\_

6 to 14 computers: \_\_\_\_\_ computers at £7 each = \_\_\_\_\_

15+ computers: \_\_\_\_\_ at £100 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total payment \_\_\_\_\_

Price includes all taxes and all costs of returning your  
registration details and purchase invoice.

Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This name will be used to generate your registration number

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration details will be returned by e-mail if you  
enter your e-mail address here.



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## Command Line Parameters

If URL2Net is launched from the command line, a bookmark may be passed to URL2Net via a command line parameter. The command line parameter is decoded using [IntelliParse](#) and displayed on the [Bookmark Tab](#)

If no command line parameter is specified, the Windows clipboard is grabbed using IntelliParse and displayed on the Bookmark Tab.

The tabs

Use the Bookmark tab to edit and save bookmarks.  
The current Bookmark File and folder are selected here.

Use the Files tab to maintain the list of Bookmark Files that URL2Net will work with.

URL2Net's range of configurable settings are altered using the Settings tab.

Add new folders and separators to the bookmark file

**Save** the bookmark to the current Bookmark File in the current Folder.

**Clear** the current bookmark from the URL and Description input boxes.



Validates and formats the URL input. Useful for tidying up manual inpt.

Decode the content of the windows clipboard into the URL and Description boxes.

#### Add Folder

Adds a new folder to the **current bookmark file**. The new folder is added as a sub folder of the **current folder**.

Descriptive Name for the new folder

Add Separator

Adds a new separator to the **current folder**.

The bookmark URL, grabbed from the clipboard, is displayed here. You may edit this URL before saving the bookmark.

URLs highlighted in red have been decoded by IntelliParse.

A URL must be entered before a bookmark can be saved.

The bookmark Description, grabbed from the clipboard, is displayed here. You may edit this description before saving the bookmark.

The bookmark **Name** is entered here. The **Name** button can be used to copy text from the Description



Copies text from the Description field into the Name field.

Displays the 'Select bookmark file' dialog to add an existing bookmark file, of the selected in the format of the selected Internet tool, into URL2Net. If the select Internet tool supports multiple bookmark files the 'Select bookmark file' dialog will allow an empty bookmark file to be created.

Shows the current Bookmark File. New bookmarks and folders will be written to this file. Use the down arrow to show the full list of bookmark files and select a different current Bookmark File.  
New bookmark files can be added to **URL2Net** by selecting the **File** tab.

New bookmarks will be written to this folder. Use the down arrow to display the full list of folders in the current bookmark file and select a different folder.

New folders can be added to the current Bookmark File by selecting the **Folder** tab.

Setting Check for duplicate URL will give a warning message when saving a bookmark if the URL has already been saved in the current Bookmark File.

Setting Grab Clipboard on Restore causes the windows clipboard to be grabbed and decoded into the URL and Description boxes whenever URL2Net is restored to a normal window from a minimised icon on a windows 3.1 system or from the task bar on win 95. This feature does not operate if the current bookmark has been altered but not yet saved.

Setting Minimise after Save causes URL2Net to be minimised after a bookmark has been saved.

Setting New Bookmark First causes URL2Net to save the bookmark at the start of the **current folder**. New separators and folders are also added to the start of the **current folder**. This setting has no effect if the bookmark format does not support ordering of bookmarks.



Setting Use IntelliParse adds extra intelligence to the clipboard decoding.

Setting Exit after Save causes URL2Net to exit after a bookmark has been saved. This setting take precedence over the Minimise after Save setting.

URL2Net will minimise after saving a bookmark to a small menu bar that floats on top of all other applications on your screen.

URL2Net will start as a small menu bar floating on top of all other applications on your screen.

This setting activates a 3 box input (URL, Name, Description) for Netscape bookmarks.

**Remove** the current Bookmark File from **URL2Net**.  
The Bookmark File is not deleted from your hard disk.

**Current Bookmark File**

The Bookmark File to which new bookmarks will be saved and new folders added

**Current Folder**

New bookmarks and separators will be added to this folder in the current Bookmark File.



**URL - Uniform Address Location**

The unique address of each resource , web page or ftp file for example, on the Internet.



Exit from URL2Net.

A message is displayed if the current bookmark has been altered and not saved. This message gives the option of saving the bookmark, exit without saving, or cancelling and returning to URL2Net without exit.



## About Menu

Displays URL2Net version number, contact and registration details.



## Help Menu

About

Contents

Registration



## **Contents Menu**

Displays this help file.



## Registration Dialog

When you send in your URL2Net registration fee you will receive notification of your registered name and registration number. This will be sent to you by e-mail, if you specified an e-mail address when filling out the registration form, and by snail-mail with your purchase invoice.

Use the Help and Registration menu commands to display the Registration dialog.

Enter your Registered Name and Registration Number exactly as shown on your registration notification, including any punctuation, and click the Register button.

A thank you message will be displayed and your registration details recorded by URL2Net. Registration turns off the 'Unregistered URL2Net' display and is valid for all future URL2Net versions.

If your registration details are not accepted by URL2Net, please check carefully that you have entered your Registered Name and Registration Number **exactly** as shown on your registration notification. Please contact the author if you have any problem entering your registration details.

Shows the format of the current Bookmark File.  
Select the format of a new bookmark file before using the **Add** button.

Bookmark files supported by Netscape Navigator use this format.



WS\_FTP Format contains ftp site information.

Hotlist files supported by NCSA Mosaic use this format.

Microsoft Internet Explorer (32 bit) favourites (Internet Shortcuts) are saved using this format.

Hotlist files supported by CompuServe Mosaic use this format.

Microsoft Internet Explorer (16 bit) favourites are saved in this format

## Option 6 Format

Option 7 Format

## Option 8 Format



Option 9 Format

A descriptive name must be entered before a new folder can be created.

The bookmark, URL or description, has been altered but not saved.  
Click 'Yes' to save the bookmark before quitting URL2Net  
Click 'No' to quit without saving  
Click 'Cancel' to return to URL2Net

Netscape is running. A bookmark saved at this time will be overwritten when Netscape ends.

The bookmark file specified could not be opened. Check that the file and path exists and that the file's attributes are not set to read only, hidden, or system

The bookmark file specified could not be found. Check the actual location for this file and use the **File Tab** to add the file and new location to **URL2Net**.

The old file will be automatically removed from **URL2Net** when **URL2Net** restarts.

The URL of the new bookmark has already been added to your bookmark file.

The new bookmark file cannot be created. Check that the path exists and is not write protected.



This bookmark file is already known to **URL2Net**

A bookmark file must be added before **URL2Net** can be used to save bookmarks.

The bookmark file cannot be found and will be removed from **URL2Net**

An Internet Explorer Shortcut description cannot contain any of these characters

\\ : \* ? < > |

Amend the description before saving the shortcut.

Profile Name and Host Name must be entered for a WS\_FTP entry

A URL must be entered before a bookmark can be saved.

The URL entered does not start with a recognised **Resource Type**. Check that the URL is correct before continuing.

The unrecognised **Resource Type** can be added to **URL2Net**'s list of valid resources.



The folder specified cannot be found. Check that the folder exists in the bookmark file before saving the bookmark.

## **Netscape Bookmark File In Use check**

Netscape does not save changes to its bookmark file until the end of the Netscape session. URL2Net should not be used to save bookmarks to the Netscape Bookmark File whilst Netscape is running because these new bookmarks will be overwritten when Netscape terminates.

Before saving a bookmark to the current Netscape Bookmark File, URL2Net checks to see if Netscape is running and displays a warning message if Netscape is running.

