

## Readme file for NetScape Menu Editor Ver 2.6

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### **Thank you for trying out the demo version of NSMEdit!**

This is a crippled version of the software which will only load 30 items from your bookmark file. If you want a non-crippled copy of the program, please send a check for \$15.00 (plus state sales tax of 8% (\$1.20) if you live in Washington) **AND** your **e-mail** address to:

Lamplight Computer Service  
2129 S. Thor  
Spokane, WA 99223

**Note:** Canadian users. I can accept Canadian checks in the amount of \$21.00. Do NOT write checks saying \$15.00 US or Fifteen US dollars. My bank can not deal with them correctly!

Other non-US users, I can not accept international checks! Please send US cash or US money order.

Note: I can not accept credit cards at this time. I am working on getting a Merchant Account with the bank so I can. Stay tuned!

My E-Mail is [schapman@lamplight.com](mailto:schapman@lamplight.com).  
The latest version of this is available at: [ftp.lamplight.com/pub/lamplight](ftp://lamplight.com/pub/lamplight) or  
<http://www.lamplight.com/lamplight/index.html>

I will e-mail you instructions to unlock your copy. You must send your e-mail address!

Please let me know if you find any bugs or think of any features you would like to see added.

#### **NOTE:**

This program requires **VBRUN300.DLL** which is not in the NSMEDIT distribution. It is available from the [ftp.cica.indiana.edu](ftp://cica.indiana.edu) site in `/pub/pc/win3/util/vbrun300.exe` (a self-extracting archive).

## **UPGRADE INSTRUCTIONS:**

If you have version 2.X, simply replace the executable file and this documentation file. The remainder are unchanged. You can use the same registration code for all 2.X versions. If you have lost it, please e-mail me and I will send it to you again if you are in my database of registered users.

## **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

After unzipping the .Zip file, do the following:

- Copy the VBX's to your Windows/System directory if you want to.
- Drag the NSMEDIT.EXE executable to an appropriate group in your Program Manager.
- Make sure you have VBRUN300.DLL in your Windows/System directory!

You are done.

Run the program.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:**

### **PROGRAM START/FILE LOAD:**

When you start the program, it will begin with a File Open dialog and you can then select the bookmark file you want to edit. It saves the path and filename in its .ini file so you don't have to mouse around next time but can just press return.

If you specify a full filepath as a command-line option, it will skip the File Open dialog and load the file you specify.

### **SELECTING/EDITING ITEMS:**

Click on the item you want to edit using the left mouse button. You can then edit the Name, URL, or Description as appropriate in the text boxes below. Editing the wrong box (i.e. the URL box for a folder item) has no permanent effect.

### **COPY, CUT and PASTE:**

Three buttons have been added that allow you to do copy, cut, and paste operations with the Clipboard. These work for whichever of the three text boxes (Item Name, URL, or Description) is currently selected when the button is pushed.

### **SEARCHING:**

The search button opens a new form that allows you to specify what you want to search for and what you want to search (either the item name, URL, or description, or any combination of these).

If you select the Find Next, it starts the search at the item after the current item.

When you search, the outline is left fully expanded. A collapse button has been added to the Search form to enable you to collapse it again.

### **CREATING NEW ITEMS:**

Use the Insert button to create new items.

Before using the Insert button, you must select what type of item will be inserted. Use the option buttons in the 'Insert Options' frame to select what will be inserted. To create a new folder, select Folder. The same for a new URL item or a separator.

The Deleted option in the 'Insert Options' Frame is a special case. You use it to recover from deletions or losing an item by dropping it off the outline. More on the Deleted option is given under 'Recovering Deleted Items or Items Dropped in Wrong Places', below.

Items are inserted as the last item at the currently selected indent level, beneath the current folder. When you create a new item, it becomes the current item and you can go to work editing the name, URL, and description as appropriate.

NOTE: When you Insert a Folder item, it appears as a leaf rather than a folder. It will remain so until you drop a item into it.

## **DELETING ITEMS:**

You can delete an item by selecting it and pressing the Delete button. If it is a folder, everything in it will be removed as well.

See the section below for recovery information.

## **DRAG/DROP:**

You can use drag and drop with this version to move items around.

Before beginning a drag/drop operation, you must select the method for the drop using the option buttons in the 'Drop/Insert Deleted Options' frame. Either the drop will place the dropped item in a folder or before the drop target.

You can not drop a folder onto a URL Item with the 'Drop inside target folder' option selected. If you do, it disappears and is seemingly lost. See the next section for recovery information.

If you drop a item off the outline control it disappears and is seemingly lost, also. See the next section for recovery information.

## **RECOVERING DELETED ITEMS OR ITEMS DROPPED IN WRONG PLACES:**

Items that disappear are actually copied to the backup buffer. It only holds the last item lost so recovery needs to be done without losing anything else and before the next sort operation (see Sorting).

You can recover a deleted item, a item that has been dropped off the control, or an item that was incorrectly dropped on a URL item. To do this, Select the 'Deleted' option button in the 'Insert Options:' frame. Then select an item in the outline control and press the Insert button.

This behaves as a drop rather than an insert. This means that the item will be placed in the outline according to the selection in the 'Drop/Insert Deleted Options' frame. Again, if you have 'Drop inside target Folder' folder selected and you select a URL Item as your insert location the item disappears to the backup buffer and you can again recover it.

Note that Sorting uses the backup buffer. You must recover the lost/deleted item before doing a sort or it is lost for good. In this case, you can copy the backup file back to bookmark.htm and re-doing the edit session.

Note that the backup buffer is not the Windows Clipboard.

## **SORTING ITEMS:**

You can sort the items at the current indent level beneath the current folder by selecting an item and pressing the Sort Button. Sort uses the backup buffer so once it is done, any lost item is gone for good. See the note in the above section.

## **SAVING THE FILE:**

Press the Save button and the file will be saved.

The backup filename is configurable. You can have a simple backup of your bookmark file with the extension of '.bak' or you can have numbered backups like '.001', '.002', etc. The default is numbered backups. If you want to make simple backups, place the following line in

the nsmedit.ini:

Backup=simple

(Use lowercase for 'simple'!)

Do NOT create the nsmedit.ini file yourself. Run the program and save a file or change font info to create the ini file. That way the right stuff ends up in it.

#### **NOTE:**

You need to periodically go and remove all the bookmark files with a numeric extension in your netscape directory to avoid your hard drive possibly getting full.

#### **EXITING:**

When you press the Exit button, if the file has been changed, you are prompted to know if you want to save the file or cancel the exit. A backup is created if you save the file.

#### **NOTES:**

- I am aware of the way the outline control handles bitmaps for top-level items. It removes the bitmap when you expand a top-level folder. This is done so that you can see more of your tree without having to scroll right.
- I am aware of the way that it shows newly inserted folders as a URL Items rather than a folder. Drop something into the folder and it will appear as a folder like it should.
- You can not drag/drop between more than one copy of this program so you can split your files up into more than one if you want to. If you try to start a second instance of this program, it warns you.
- DO NOT run this program at the same time you are running Netscape.
- E-mail me if you have any questions or to add to the wish list (or to report a bug!).

#### **LEGAL DISCLAIMER AND RELATED STUFF FOLLOWS:**

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If you have questions or comments, please e-mail me at the address given above.

#### **REVISION HISTORY:**

Version 1.0 - Original release

Version 1.1 - Bug fix upgrade.

- Made file load small files correctly without EOF error message
- Made backup create numbered backups rather than bookmark.bak.
- Made filename in load dialog be bookmark.htm rather than \*.htm.
- Made demo version load 30 items instead of 15.

Version 2.0 - Next major release.

- Replaced the outline control with a much better one.
- Added drag/drop
- Changed Insert to allow inserting of all three item types.
- Many other changes.

Ver 2.1

- Form layout and resizing changes.

Ver 2.2

- Added the ability to save/edit item descriptions which was inadvertently left out!

Ver 2.3

- Changed man screen to make it more understandable (names of Inserted items, etc)
- Added Copy, Cut, and Paste buttons.
- Made it so only one copy can be run at a time.
- Added option to make backup files be called filename.bak rather than numbering the backups.
- Made it keep the top seven lines of the bookmark file from the user's rather than creating them with default values when file is saved.
- Serious documentation changes done to make it easier to understand.

Ver 2.4

- Search added.
- Docs changed.
- WWW page established.

Ver 2.5

- Collapse button added to Search form.

Ver 2.6

- Fixed bug when backup=simple is set.
- Changed it to all menus from all buttons.