

About Documents

Documents are the things that WebCompass finds when it searches. Documents that are found are displayed in the Document List pane on the WebCompass screen. Each document that WebCompass finds matches the topic's query terms in some fashion. Whether a found document is really what you are looking for depends on how the person who created the document is using the query term; sometimes they are using it in a sense that is completely different than what you are looking for.

To see more information about a document, click on its name. Information about the selected document displays in the Document Summary pane on the WebCompass screen. This information includes the name of the document, its URL, the number of hypertext links and images, a summary of the document and associated keywords.

For more things you can do to documents, right-click the document's name in the Document List pane; a menu of options displays.

About Search Topics

Search topics are the words, phrases, or concepts you want WebCompass to find information about and manage for you. Each topic has a name and one or more query terms that are searched for. You can create your own topics or you can activate topics from the WebCompass topic database.

Whether you choose your own topic or one from the topic database, you can add words or phrases, called query terms, that WebCompass will use when it is searching. The advantages of using a topic from the WebCompass topic database are that the query terms are already defined, and there may be query terms in the database that you may not have considered.

For more things you can do to a topic, right click the topic name.

Add Document

For those occasions when searching the relevant search resources doesn't find a particular document, you can manually add a document to a topic.

To manually add a document to a topic:

1. Click on the name of the topic you want to add the document to in the Topic Tree pane.
2. Pull down the Edit menu and select **Add Document**.
3. Type the URL (Web address) of the document and click **OK**.

Adding Search Resources

While WebCompass comes preconfigured to use some of the most popular and well-designed search resources available, you may know of some others and want to use them or you may get access to a new resource that you want WebCompass to use.

Note: If you would like to have a single search resource in multiple categories, simply use different names in the Resource name field for the same URL. For example, if you wanted c|net's News.com in both the General and the Technology categories, you could add it to General using the name "News.com" and add it to Technology using "News.com Tech" *using the same URL in both cases.*

To add a search resource:

1. On the Search resources tab of the WebCompass Options dialog box, click **Add**.
2. In the **Resource Name** field, enter a name for the search resource.
3. In the **Resource URL** field, enter the URL (Web address) of the search resource.
4. In the **Category** field, either select one of the already defined category types from the drop-down list or type over the name of the category type currently showing with the name of a new category type.
5. In the **Username** and **Password** fields, enter a username and password for the search resource you are adding, **if they are required**.
6. Click **Capture**. The configured Web browser opens, displaying a page with the search resource you are adding at the bottom and further instructions for adding the resource at the top. **Make sure to read the instructions carefully!**
7. Type the word **searchfield** in the text input field (that is, where you would ordinarily enter a search term) and select any search options appropriate for the search resource you are adding. These options vary for different search resources.
8. Click **Submit** or **Search**, whichever is used to initiate a search on the search resource you are adding. The Web browser displays a message indicating that you have successfully added the search resource.
9. Switch back to WebCompass. The search resource you added displays at the bottom of the list of search resources.

Creating Advanced Query Terms

Because the same query term can be handled quite differently by different search engines, it is important to know how WebCompass and Internet search resources handle query terms.

Single word query terms, *Elvis* or *Jazz* for example, are easily handled. WebCompass simply passes them to the search resource, where the exact term is searched for.

Multiple word query terms, *Attila the Hun* or *major league baseball* for example, are more complicated. WebCompass still passes them to the search resource, but different search resources handle multi-word query terms differently:

Many search resources support the Boolean operator AND, which means that when it receives a multi-word query term, the first pages the search resource returns have all of the words in the query term on them.

For example

If **major league baseball** were the query term, pages with all three words, not necessarily right next to each other as shown here, would be returned first. The search resource would be looking for pages with **major AND league AND baseball** on them; pages with all three would match this criteria best, and thus be returned first.

Search resources that do not support the Boolean operator AND, when also faced with **major league baseball** (without the quotes), would return pages with any of the three words on it, not necessarily ranking higher a page with all three. The search resource would be looking for page with **major OR league OR baseball** on them.

If a search resource provided with WebCompass supports Boolean AND, then that capability is used. If ANDing is not supported, then the default action of the search resource is used.

For user-captured search resources, the default action of the search resource is used.

WebCompass also provides a capability for creating advanced search terms. If a search term is preceded with an equal sign (=), then the term will be provided to the search resource without modification, overriding the ANDing described above. This allows the creation of advanced query terms that take advantage of the capabilities of specific search resources.

For example

You could create a query term that would work very well with AltaVista, but with unpredictable results on other search resources, as follows:

= "major league baseball" +Dodgers +"National League" -Angels

AltaVista uses the plus sign (+) to indicate the Boolean MUST, the minus sign (-) to indicate the Boolean NOT, and quotes to indicate that the words in a phrase must be found together, so this search would find pages with the phrases **major league baseball** and **National League**, and the term **Dodgers**, while also filtering any page with the word **Angels** on it.

How this same term would work on other search resources is unknown.

For more information about how a specific search resource handles Boolean search operators and special characters, see the Help information on the specific search resource.

For more information about Boolean operators, see: <http://www.net-tracks.com/boolean.html>.

Annotating a Document

The Annotation tab of the Document Properties dialog box lets you add your comments about the document. Annotations you make to a document display in the Document Summary pane under the document's keywords when the document is selected.

To add an annotation to a document:

1. On the Annotation tab of the Document Properties dialog box, click in the **Annotation** box.
2. Enter your comments for the selected document.
3. Click **OK**.

WebCompass Basics

WebCompass simultaneously searches multiple resources on the Internet, the Web, and your corporate intranet; automatically generates summaries and keywords for the documents it finds that match the search topic; organizes these documents into a personal hypertext index that is updated at any interval you specify; and outputs your index as HTML files so that your efforts can be shared with friends and colleagues.

In short, WebCompass:

- ▶ Offers a single point of entry into all of your online search resources: the Web, the Internet, private databases, and your corporate intranet.
- ▶ Automatically creates, summarizes, organizes, and updates your personal index of online information.
- ▶ Outputs your personal hypertext index as HTML files so that your efforts can be shared.

More information about the WebCompass environment is available in the following areas:

- ▶ [About Search Topics](#)
- ▶ [About Documents](#)
- ▶ [The WebCompass Screen](#)
- ▶ [WebCompass Toolbars](#)
- ▶ [WebCompass Menus](#)
- ▶ [Shortcut Menus](#)

Compacting a WebCompass Database

Compacting a WebCompass database removes documents that have been orphaned when a topic is deleted.

Note: The **Compact** command only appears on the File menu when no WebCompass databases are open.

To compact a WebCompass database:

1. Close any open WebCompass databases by pulling down the File menu and selecting **Close**.
2. With all WebCompass databases closed, pull down the File menu and select **Compact**.
3. Specify which database to compact and click **Save**.

Configuring

WebCompass comes configured with default settings that suit a wide variety of requirements. You can also extensively customize WebCompass for your needs.

Configuration of WebCompass occurs in the following areas:

- ▶ [Configuring Topic Information](#)
- ▶ [Configuring the Agent](#)
- ▶ [Selecting a Web Browser](#)
- ▶ [Configuring Network Parameters](#)
- ▶ [Configuring Search Resources](#)
- ▶ [Configuring Document Information](#)
- ▶ [Annotating a Document](#)

Configuring Document Information

The Info tab of the Document Properties dialog box displays information about the selected document. This information is read-only; you can't modify it.

To view information about a document:

1. Click on the name of the document whose properties you want to see.

2. Click the Properties button  on the Controls toolbar.

You can see the following information about the selected document:

- ▶ **Title** is the name given to the document by the person that created it.
- ▶ **URL** is the Web address of the document.
- ▶ **WebCompass summary** is the summary of the document generated by WebCompass based on text in the document.
- ▶ **Key phrases extracted by WebCompass** are key phrases from the document extracted by WebCompass.
- ▶ **Number of Links** is the number of hypertext links in the document.
- ▶ **Number of Images** is the number of images in the document.

3. Click **OK**.

Configuring Network Parameters

The Network tab of the WebCompass Options dialog box lets you establish:

- ▶ Proxy server settings
- ▶ Connection settings

Configuring Search Resources

The Search resources tab of the WebCompass Options dialog box lets you:

- ▶ Specify whether you want banner ads from the search resources to be displayed
- ▶ Add search resources
- ▶ Edit search resources
- ▶ Delete search resources

Configuring Topic Information

The Name tab of the Topic Properties dialog box lets you establish or modify important settings for the selected topic.

To establish or modify topic information:

1. Click on the name of the topic whose information you want to establish or modify.

2. Click the Properties button  on the Controls toolbar.

You can establish or modify the following information about the selected topic:

▶ **Topic name** is the name for this topic. The topic name is also a query term.

▶ **Search resource category** is the category of search resource selected for this topic. Refer to [Configuring Search Resources](#) for information about how to determine what search resources are assigned to a search resource category.

▶ **Query terms** are the words or phrases that the WebCompass Agent will search for (the topic name is also a query term). To add a new query term, type it in the Query terms box and click **Add**. To delete an existing query term, click on the term and click **Delete**. See [Advanced Query Terms](#) for information about creating advanced query terms.

▶ **Definitions** are the definition of the topic. You may type any descriptive text you wish in this editable box. If a topic has a definition, it displays in the Document List pane of the WebCompass screen in the Description column (refer to [The Document List Pane](#) for more information).


3. Click **OK**.

Configuring the Agent

The Agent tab of the Topic Properties dialog box lets you schedule when the Agent searches for new documents and/or resummaries existing documents for the selected topic.

Note: WebCompass must be running for the agent to search for new documents or resummaries existing documents.

To configure the agent:

1. Click on the name of the topic whose Agent you want to configure.
2. Click the Schedule Tasks button  on the Tasks toolbar.
3. Put a check next to **Agent Searches the Web** to have WebCompass automatically search the assigned search resources for the selected topic, and then specify when the searching should occur. You can select any increment of hours, days, or weeks, or you can select every day or any day of the week at any hour. This feature ensures that the topic will always be up to date with the latest documents on the subject.
4. Put a check next to **Agent Resummaries Existing Documents for This topic** to have WebCompass automatically resummaries existing documents for the selected topic, and then specify when the resummation should occur. You can select any increment of hours, days, or weeks, or you can select every day or any day of the week at any hour. This feature ensures that the document summaries for this topic are always the latest version.
5. Click **OK**.

Connection Settings

Network connection settings control WebCompass' interaction with the Internet. You can modify both the network timeout (the amount of time WebCompass will wait to access a search resource to query it or an individual document to summarize it) and the number of connections (the number of active connections WebCompass can have to the Internet at the same time).

To configure connection settings for WebCompass:

1. In the **Network Timeout** field, type a numeric value or use the arrows to select a value. Available values are 15 through 300; the default setting is 60.
2. In the **Number of connections** field, type a numeric value or use the arrows to select a value. Available values are 1 through 60; the default setting is 8.
3. Click **OK**.

Contacting Quarterdeck

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For more information about WebCompass, see the README file or access the WebCompass Web site at:

<http://arachnid.qdeck.com/qdeck/products/wc20/>

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Welcome to WebCompass 2.0 Online Help!

WebCompass 2.0 is a comprehensive "knowledge manager" that queries any combination of searchable online resources at once, summarizes and organizes the results, and updates the information and finds new information at regular intervals.

You can search Web search engines (like AltaVista and Yahoo), Gopher and FTP sites, and private and corporate search resources. You can output your topics and the documents that comprise them as HTML files so that your efforts can be shared with friends and colleagues.

This online help system includes the following topics:

- ▶ [**An overview of WebCompass**](#)
- ▶ [**Searching with WebCompass**](#)
- ▶ [**Configuring WebCompass**](#)
- ▶ [**Troubleshooting WebCompass**](#)
- ▶ [**Contacting Quarterdeck**](#)
- ▶ [**WebCompass Tutorial**](#)

Controls Toolbar

The Controls Toolbar holds buttons used to control WebCompass functions.

The buttons on the Controls toolbar are:



New topic wizard creates a new, top-level topic using the New Topic wizard.



Create related topic creates a related topic for the currently selected topic.



Find in database searches the currently open WebCompass database for topics and/or documents.



View in browser displays the selected topic or document in the configured Web browser.



Properties displays the Properties dialog box for the selected topic or the Document Properties dialog box for the selected document.



Organize groups documents within the selected topic into logical subtopics.



Delete relation deletes the selected topic or related topic and all associated documents.



Delete deletes the selected document.



New topic window creates a new window showing the same database. Each window of a database can show any aspect of that database irrespective of what any other window is showing.

Creating a Topic


Topics are concepts that WebCompass gathers information about. Each topic has one or more query terms, which are the actual words or phrases that WebCompass looks for when it searches. For example, if you want information about how to create Web pages, you could create a topic called "HTML," and assign query terms of "Hypertext Markup Language" and "Webmaster." The name of a topic is also a query term.

There are three ways to create topics in WebCompass:

- ▶ [Using the WebCompass Topic Wizard](#)
- ▶ [Using the Quick Topics toolbar](#)
- ▶ [Using the Create Related Topic command](#)

Creating a Topic Using the WebCompass Topic Wizard

To create a topic using the WebCompass Topic Wizard:

1. Click on the **New Topic Wizard** button  on the Controls toolbar.
 2. Enter a name for the topic and select the search resource category, then click **Next**.
 3. Select either the topic whose name you just entered or a predefined topic from the WebCompass database and click **Next**.
 4. Add additional query terms for your topic and click **Next**.
- Note:** See [Advanced Query Terms](#) for information about creating advanced query terms.
5. Review the topic properties you have established. (To schedule the Agent, click **Topic Properties**, make your selections, then click **OK**.)
 6. Click **Finish**.


Creating a Topic Using the Quick Topics Toolbar

To create a topic using the Quick Topics toolbar:

1. Click in the **New Topic** field on the Quick Topics toolbar and type the name of the new topic.
2. Select a search resource from the **Search Engines** drop-down list box.
3. Click **Search** to complete the creation of the topic.

Creating a Related Topic

To create a related topic:

1. Click on the topic you want to create a subtopic for to select it.
2. Click the **Create Related Topic** button  on the Controls toolbar
3. Enter a topic name, select a search resource, add query terms, and optionally enter a definition, then click **OK**.

Deleting Search Resources

Occasionally, search resources prove to be of little or no value, or they go out of existence. In such cases, you will want to delete the resource so that WebCompass doesn't try to use it.

To delete a search resource:

1. Click on the name of the resource you wish to delete.
2. Click **Delete**.
3. Click **Yes** when the confirmation message displays.

Document List Pane

The Document List Pane displays the names of, and other information about, each of the documents that WebCompass has found for the selected topic. If the document's icon is yellow, the document was retrieved or resummarized within the last day; if the icon is white, then the document **hasn't** been retrieved or resummarized in the last day. Refer to [The Document List Pane](#) for more information.

Document Properties

The Document Properties dialog box displays information about the selected document and lets you modify some settings if you wish.

The Document Properties dialog box has two tabs:

- ▶ **The Info Tab** displays read-only information about the document, including title, URL, summary, key phrases, number of hypertext links, and number of images.
- ▶ **The Annotation Tab** lets you add your comments about the document.

Document Shortcut Menu

The Document shortcut menu displays commands that operate on documents. (Right-click a document name to display its shortcut menu.)

The commands on the Document shortcut menu are:

- ▶ **Summarize Document** causes the Agent to summarize just the selected document.
- ▶ **Follow Links** causes the Agent to add all documents linked to this document to the topic this document is associated with.
- ▶ **View in Browser** displays the document in the configured Web browser.
- ▶ **Cut** deletes the document and puts it onto the Clipboard.
- ▶ **Copy** copies the document and puts it onto the Clipboard.
- ▶ **Delete** deletes the document.
- ▶ **Properties** displays the Document Properties dialog box.

Document Summary Pane

The Document Summary Pane displays the name, summary, keywords, and annotations for the document selected in the Document List pane.

Editing Search Resources

As you use search resources with WebCompass, you may at some time need to either temporarily disable a resource (instead of deleting a very slow or temporarily unavailable resource, for example, you can disable it), change its category, or filter out URLs from the search resource's pages.

To edit a search resource:

1. On the Search resources tab of the WebCompass Options dialog box, click on the name of the search resource you want to edit, then click **Edit**.
2. For the **Enabled** check box of the Edit Search Resource dialog box, put a check mark to enable the search resource or clear the check mark to disable the search resource.
3. In the **Category** field, either select one of the already defined category types from the drop-down list or type over the name of the category type currently showing with a new category type.
4. In the **Username** and **Password** fields, enter a username and password for the search resource, **if they are required**.
5. For the **Filter out** field, enter any URLs or domains that are on the same computer as the search resource itself so that WebCompass will ignore links to documents with these URLs or in these domains; they are usually irrelevant documents. To add a URL or domain, type the URL or domain in the **Filter out** field and click **Add**. To delete an existing URL or domain, click on the URL or domain to select it, then click **Delete**.
6. Click **OK**.

Find

The Find command lets you search the open WebCompass database for topics or documents, or both.

Note: Finding a topic does not mean that WebCompass will begin searching for it.

To find a topic or document:

1. From within the WebCompass database you wish to search, pull down the Edit menu and select **Find**.
2. Enter the term you wish to find in the **Search for** box on the Find in local database dialog box, select whether you are searching for topics or documents or both (the default is both), then click **Find**.
3. If you find a *topic* that you would like to keep, drag and drop it onto My Topics in the Topic Tree pane.

Note: When you add a topic from the database, it is not scheduled and WebCompass will not automatically search for it. Refer to [Configuring the Agent](#) for more information.

4. If you find a *document* you would like to add to a topic, drag it onto the name of the topic you want to add it to.
5. Click **Close**.

Importing Databases

If you have a WebCompass version 1.0x database that you would like to use in WebCompass 2.0, you can convert it to 2.0 format and display it in WebCompass 2.0. The original WebCompass 1.02 database remains intact.

Note: The **Import** command only appears on the File menu in WebCompass when no WebCompass databases are open.

To import a WebCompass 1.0x database into WebCompass 2.0:

1. Close any open WebCompass databases by pulling down the File menu and selecting **Close**.
2. With all WebCompass databases closed, pull down the File menu and select **Import**.
3. Enter the path to the 1.0x database you want to convert in the Source box, or click the **Browse** button adjacent to the Source box and select the 1.0x database you want to convert.

Note: WebCompass 1.0x databases used the **.mdb** extension; WebCompass 2.0 databases use **.wc2**.

4. Enter a path and filename for the new 2.0 database in the Target box, or click the **Browse** button adjacent to the Target box and select the path and filename for the new 2.0 database.
5. Click **OK** to begin the conversion.

Note: Canceling the conversion will *not* damage the original 1.02 database.

6. Click **OK**.

Menu Bar

The WebCompass Menu Bar provides access to the WebCompass menus.

Organizing Topics

Organizing a topic means to group together documents that have similar content into subtopics or "related topics." This process helps you to refine the original topic and discover what documents aren't relevant to the topic so that they can be deleted.

You can also create related topics from scratch, thus allowing you to refine a topic to your exact specifications.


Tip: Search the Web for the topic you are going to organize *before* organizing it. This ensures that you have the most up to date set of documents for the topic.

There are two ways to organize a topic:

- ▶ **Organizing a topic by content**
- ▶ **Creating a related topic**

Organizing a Topic by Content

To organize a topic by content:

1. Click on the name of the topic you want to organize.
2. Click the **Organize** button  on the Controls toolbar.
3. Click in the box next to any term you want to make into a related topic.
4. Check the **New topics inherit search terms of parent topic** box if you would like the query terms of the related topic to include the query terms of the parent topic.
5. Click **OK**.

Printing

WebCompass supports printing of selected documents or all documents in a topic in a list format, which includes the title and URL (Web address) of the document.

To print from within WebCompass:

1. Click on the name of the document or documents (Control-click to select multiple documents) you want to print.
2. Pull down the File menu and select **Print**.
(If you would like to see how your printout will look before you print, select **Print Preview** instead of Print.)
3. Select whether you want to print just **Selected Items** or **All Items**, then click **OK**. WebCompass prints the report.
(If you selected Print Preview instead of Print, the report displays on your screen.)

Proxy Server Settings

A proxy server (also called a firewall) sits between a local area network (LAN) and the Internet and acts as an intermediary between the two for security purposes. If you are using WebCompass from behind a firewall, you will have to enter your proxy server host and port information in order for WebCompass to access the Internet.


To configure WebCompass to use a proxy server:

1. Check **Use proxy server for web access** to enable proxy server support.
2. Enter the IP address or name of the host of the proxy server.
3. Enter the number of the port the proxy server is on.
4. Click **OK**.


Publishing

After spending time refining a topic, it is natural that you will want to share the topic with others either in published or HTML form. WebCompass lets you do this using the features of your Web browser.

To print a topic:

1. From within WebCompass, click on the name of the topic you want to print.
2. Click the **View in Browser** button  on the Controls toolbar.
3. From within your Web browser, pull down the File menu and select **Print**.

To save a topic in HTML format:

1. From within WebCompass, click on the name of the topic you want to save in HTML format.
2. Click the **View in Browser** button  on the Controls toolbar.
3. From within your Web browser, pull down the File menu and select **Save As**. Remember to save the file in Source or HTML formats (this terminology varies between browsers).

Quick Topics Toolbar

The Quick Topics Toolbar lets you quickly create a new topic by typing a name, selecting a search resource category, and clicking **Search**.

The Quick Topics toolbar lets you quickly create a new topic in WebCompass. The components of the Quick Topics toolbar are:

- ▶ **New topic box**, where you type in the name of the topic you are creating.
- ▶ **Search engines drop-down list box**, where you select the search resource category for the topic.
- ▶ **Search button**, where you click to create the topic and to have WebCompass begin searching.

Relevance Ranking

The Relevant column on the Document List pane of the WebCompass screen shows the document's relevance to its topic numerically from 1 to 100.

WebCompass constantly adjusts its relevance ranking to reflect your interest in a particular document. A document's relevance number is an expression of whether it is more like documents in which you have shown interest or more like documents in which you have shown disinterest.

You express interest or disinterest in the following ways:

- ▶ If you click on a document, WebCompass takes that as an indication the document is relevant to the topic.
- ▶ If you delete a document, WebCompass takes that as an indication the document is **not** relevant to the topic.

The relevance of a document is figured each time the topic is displayed, and when you delete a document.

Note: Do not be disturbed by changing relevance rankings; it just means WebCompass is doing its job.

Tip: To make sure relevance ranking is as accurate as possible, delete all documents that are irrelevant to the topic.

Searching

Searching is the process by which WebCompass finds documents for a topic based on the query terms assigned to that topic. WebCompass can simultaneously search many types of resources: the World Wide Web, FTP sites, Gopher sites, and internal corporate databases.

The quality of the documents found in a search are dependent on the relevance of the query terms and search resources used in the search, both of which are specified during the creation of a topic.

More information about searching with WebCompass is available in the following areas:



[Creating a Topic](#)

[Searching the Web](#)

[Summarizing Documents](#)

[Organizing Topics](#)

[Printing](#)


[Publishing](#)

Searching the Web

When WebCompass searches, it first examines the topic to determine what query terms will be searched for and what search resources will be searched, then it performs the search.

Searching is automatic when you first create a topic. WebCompass uses the query terms and search resources you specify when the topic is created and begins searching. Searching is also automatic when searching is scheduled for a topic. When the time arrives, WebCompass uses the currently configured query terms and search resources to perform the search.

To have WebCompass search for a topic on demand:

1. Click on the name of the topic you want to search for.
2. Click the **Search the Web** button  on the Tasks toolbar.

Selecting a Web Browser

The Browser tab of the WebCompass Options dialog box lets you select the Web browser you want to use with WebCompass: Microsoft Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator, or another browser of your choice.

Note: If WebCompass does not find Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator on your computer, then their names will not appear. If you want to use them, you must tell WebCompass where to find them.

To use Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator with WebCompass:

1. Click in the radio button next to the name of the browser you wish to use, Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator.
2. Click **OK**.

To use a Web browser other than Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator:

1. Click the **Other browser** radio button.
2. Type the location of the browser you want to use in the Location field or click **Browse** and locate the browser on your computer.
3. Click **OK**.

Shortcut Menus

Although not a visible part of the WebCompass screen, shortcut menus provide easy access to frequently used commands.

To display shortcut menus:

1. Position your mouse pointer on a topic or a document.
2. Click and hold down the right mouse button. The appropriate shortcut menu displays.

There are two kinds of shortcut menus:

- ▶ **The Topic shortcut menu**, which holds commands that operate on topics.
- ▶ **The Document shortcut menu**, which holds commands that operate on documents.

Starting Up

The first thing you need to do in order to use WebCompass is to start the application.

To start WebCompass:

1. If you are using a dial-up connection to the Internet with WebCompass, dial your Internet Service Provider and establish the connection. If you have a LAN connection to the Internet, skip to step 2.
2. If you are using Windows 95 or Windows NT 4.0 or higher, double-click the WebCompass icon on the desktop. If you are using Windows NT 3.51, double-click the WebCompass icon in the WebCompass program group.

Note: The Web browser you specified for use with WebCompass does not load when you start WebCompass.

Status Bar

The Status Bar displays the current status of the WebCompass Agent or a description of the button the mouse pointer is currently over.


Summarizing Documents

When WebCompass finds a document during a search, the document is automatically scheduled for summarization when the Agent is done searching. When WebCompass summarizes a document, it locates it and generates a summary based on text from the document itself.

Tip: If WebCompass attempts to summarize a document several times without success, the document is probably no longer available.

If a document doesn't have a summary or you would like a document resummarized, you can have WebCompass summarize a document on demand.

To have WebCompass summarize a document on demand:

1. Click on the name of the document you want summarized.
2. Click the **Summarize** button  on the Tasks toolbar.

Tasks Toolbar

The Tasks Toolbar holds buttons used to perform tasks with WebCompass.

The buttons on the Tasks toolbar are:



Search the Web activates the highlighted topic, causing the Agent to begin searching the Web.



Summarize causes the Agent to begin summarizing documents. If a topic is highlighted, all documents relating to that topic will be summarized; if a single document is highlighted, only that document will be summarized.



Follow links adds documents that are hypertext linked to the selected pages as documents under the currently selected topic.



Schedule tasks displays the Agent tab of the Properties dialog box for the selected topic so you can schedule when the Agent will search the Web and/or resummairize documents.



Stop tasks stops all actions the Agent is performing and deactivates the Agent.

The Tasks toolbar also displays Agent status messages. For example, "**Agent idle**" when the Agent is inactive, or "**Agent is currently doing 7 tasks -- Searching Yahoo for 'Jazz'**" when the Agent is searching for documents for a topic.

The Agent Menu

The commands on the Agent menu are:

- ▶ **Schedule Tasks** displays the Agent tab of the Properties dialog box for the selected topic so you can schedule when the Agent will search the Web and/or resummairize documents.
- ▶ **Stop All Tasks** stops all actions the Agent is performing and deactivates the Agent.
- ▶ **Search the Web** activates the highlighted topic, causing the Agent to begin searching the Web.
- ▶ **Summarize** causes the Agent to begin summarizing documents. If a topic is highlighted, all documents relating to that topic will be summarized; if a single document is highlighted, only that document will be summarized.
- ▶ **Follow Links** adds documents that are hypertext linked to the selected pages as documents under the currently selected topic.
- ▶ **Edit Search Resources** displays the Search Resources tab of the WebCompass Options dialog box so that you can add, edit, or delete search resources.

The Document List Pane

The Document List pane of the WebCompass screen displays the names of, and other information about, each of the documents that WebCompass has found for the selected topic.

If the document's icon is yellow, the document was retrieved or resummarized within the lastday; if the icon is white, then the document *hasn't* been retrieved or resummarized in the last day.

The columns in the Document List pane are:

- ▶ **Name** is the name or title of the document.
- ▶ **Description** is a brief description of the document.
- ▶ **Relevant** is the document's relevance to the topic, from 1 to 100. When a topic is first created, most documents will display lower numbers, indicating little relevance to the topic. As you organize the topic, deleting those documents that you know to be not relevant, WebCompass can better evaluate the relevance of the remaining documents to the topic. For more information, see [Relevance Ranking](#).
- ▶ **Links** are the number of hypertext links in the document.
- ▶ **Images** are the number of images in the document.
- ▶ **Added By** is the search resource where the document was found.
- ▶ **Keywords** are the topic's query terms that appears in the document.
- ▶ **Address** is the URL or Web address of the document.

You can click on any of the column names to have WebCompass sort the documents by that column either alphabetically or numerically, as appropriate. Click the same column name again, and the documents are reordered reverse alphabetically or numerically.

The Edit Menu

The commands on the Edit menu are:

- ▶ **Cut** deletes selected text and places it on the Clipboard.
- ▶ **Copy** copies selected text and places it on the Clipboard.
- ▶ **Paste** inserts the contents of the Clipboard at the insertion point location.
- ▶ **Delete** deletes the selected topic or selected text without placing it on the Clipboard.
- ▶ **Select Relation** changes relationships between topics. Related topics can have any of the following relationships to their parent topic: A kind of, A specific kind is, A part of, Contained in, Member of, Has part, Contains, Has member, Opposite of, or See also. The default is "See also." Grayed out unless a topic is selected.
- ▶ **Delete Relation** deletes the relationship between the selected top-level topic and its topic category (My Topics, Scheduled topics, WebCompass topics, or Topics with new info), or between the related topic and its parent topic. Grayed out unless a topic is selected.
- ▶ **Add Document** adds a document to a topic by entering its URL.
- ▶ **Find in Database** searches the currently open WebCompass database for topics and/or documents.
- ▶ **Organize by Content** groups documents within the selected topic into logical subtopics.
- ▶ **Properties** displays the properties of the selected (highlighted) item.

The File Menu

The commands on the File menu when a WebCompass database is open are:

- ▶ **Create Related Topic** creates a subtopic for the currently selected topic. Only available when an existing topic is selected.
- ▶ **New Topic Wizard** creates a new, top-level topic using the New Topic wizard.
- ▶ **Close** closes all currently open WebCompass windows.
- ▶ **Print** prints the WebCompass page.
- ▶ **Print Preview** displays what will print if you were to print right now.
- ▶ **Print Setup** controls print settings.
- ▶ **Exit** exits you from WebCompass.

The commands on the File menu when no WebCompass database is open are:

- ▶ **New** creates a new WebCompass 2.0 database.
- ▶ **Open** opens an existing WebCompass 2.0 database. WebCompass 2.0 databases use **.wc2** for their three-digit extensions.
- ▶ **Import** imports a WebCompass 1.02 database and converts it to 2.0 format. The original WebCompass 1.02 database remains intact. Refer to [Importing Databases](#) for more information.
- ▶ **Compact** compacts the selected WebCompass database.
- ▶ **Exit** exits you from WebCompass.

The Help Menu

The commands on the Help menu are:

- ▶ **Contents** displays online help.
- ▶ **Search** lets you search online help for specific topics.
- ▶ **Tutorial** displays the tutorial portion of the online help.
- ▶ **Quarterdeck on the Web** accesses Quarterdeck Web sites that pertain to WebCompass:
- ▶ **What's New** opens a Web page in the configured Web browser with information about what is happening with WebCompass.
- ▶ **Product Update** opens a Web page so you can make sure that you are using the latest version of WebCompass. If you are not, you can download the most recent version.
- ▶ **Make a Suggestion** opens a Web page that asks for input so that we can make WebCompass better.
- ▶ **Report a Problem** opens a Web page that you can use to report a problem with WebCompass directly to Quarterdeck Technical Support.
- ▶ **About WebCompass** provides information about WebCompass.

The Tools Menu

The commands on the Tools menu are:

- ▶ **Options** displays the WebCompass Options dialog box, which lets you choose a Web browser, establish network settings, or add, edit, or delete search resources.

The Topic Tree Pane

The Topic Tree pane of the WebCompass screen displays, in an Explorer-like interface, information about topics. The default topic type is My Topics, which displays the topics that you have created from scratch or activated from the WebCompass database.

There are four topic types available:

- ▶ **My Topics** displays the topics that you have made active; that is, created from scratch or activated from the WebCompass database.
- ▶ **Scheduled topics** displays active topics that are also scheduled; that is, the topic is scheduled to be searched for or existing documents are scheduled to be resummarized.
- ▶ **WebCompass topics** displays all of the topics in the WebCompass database.
- ▶ **Topics with New Info** displays active topics that have new information; that is, they have been found or resummarized within the last three days.

The Topic Tree pane displays all of the topics appropriate to the selected topic type. Each topic has a name and a book icon (just to the left of the name). The book icon for topics with new documents (documents that have been retrieved by WebCompass within the last day) are yellow; otherwise, the book icons are green. If the topic has a related topic, then there is a plus sign just to the left of the book icon to indicate this. If you click the plus sign or double click the topic name, the related topics display under their parent topic.

A topic's book icon can also have a small, red-outlined clock on it, which indicates that the topic is scheduled—either to be searched for or for existing documents to be resummarized.

The View Menu

The commands on the View menu are:

- ▶ **View URL/Topic in Browser** displays the contents of the document or topic in the Web browser. If a topic is highlighted, the list of documents (with summary) associated with the topic is displayed.
- ▶ **View Scheduled Topics in Browser** displays a list of scheduled topics in the Web browser.
- ▶ **Controls Toolbar** when checked, the Controls toolbar displays (the default); when unchecked, it is hidden.
- ▶ **Tasks Toolbar** when checked, the Tasks toolbar displays (the default); when unchecked, it is hidden.
- ▶ **Quick Topics Toolbar** when checked, the Quick Topics toolbar displays (the default); when unchecked, it is hidden.
- ▶ **Status Bar** when checked, the Status Bar displays (the default); when unchecked, the Toolbar is hidden.
- ▶ **Welcome Dialog** when checked, the Welcome Dialog displays each time you restart WebCompass (the default); when unchecked, it doesn't display.

The Window Menu

The commands on the Window menu are:

- ▶ **New Window** opens a new window.
- ▶ **Cascade** overlaps all open windows.
- ▶ **Tile** tiles all open windows.
- ▶ **Arrange Icons** arranges any WebCompass windows that have been iconified.

The currently selected topic or topic category displays at the bottom of the Window menu.

Topic Properties

The Topic Properties dialog box for the selected topic displays information about the selected topic and lets you modify settings if you wish.

The Topic Properties dialog box for the selected topic has two tabs:

- ▶ **The Name Tab** lets you establish or modify the topic's name, search resource category, query terms, and definitions.
- ▶ **The Agent Tab** lets you schedule when the WebCompass Agent searches for new documents and/or resummaries existing documents for the selected topic.

Topic Shortcut Menu

The Topic shortcut menu displays commands that operate on topics. (Right-click a topic name to display its shortcut menu.)

The commands on the Topic shortcut menu are:

- ▶ **Create Related Topic** creates a subtopic for the currently selected topic. Only available when an existing topic is selected.
- ▶ **Select Relation** changes relationships between topics. Related topics can have any of the following relationships to their parent topic: A kind of, A specific kind is, A part of, Contained in, Member of, Has part, Contains, Has member, Opposite of, or See also. The default is "See also." Grayed out unless a topic is selected.
- ▶ **Add Document** adds a document to a topic by entering its URL.
- ▶ **Search the Web** causes the Agent to search the Web for documents pertaining to this topic.
- ▶ **Summarize Documents on Topic** causes the Agent to begin summarizing the documents that are associated with this topic.
- ▶ **Schedule Tasks** opens the Topic Properties dialog box with the Agent tab displayed.
- ▶ **Organize by Content** groups documents within the selected topic into logical subtopics.
- ▶ **View in Browser** displays the selected topic in the configured Web browser.
- ▶ **Cut** deletes the selected topic and places it onto the Clipboard.
- ▶ **Copy** copies the selected topic and places it onto the Clipboard.
- ▶ **Paste** pastes the contents of the Clipboard as a subtopic to the selected topic.
- ▶ **Delete Relation** deletes the relationship between the selected top-level topic and its topic category (My Topics, Scheduled topics, WebCompass topics, or Topics with new info), or between the related topic and its parent topic. Grayed out unless a topic is selected.
- ▶ **Delete** deletes the topic.
- ▶ **Properties** displays the Properties dialog box for the selected topic.

Topic Tree Pane

The Topic Tree Pane displays topics of the topic type selected in the Topics drop-down list box.

If a topic name has a plus sign on its lower left, this means that the topic has related topics. If a topic's icon has a small red-outlined clock on it, then the topic is scheduled to be searched for or resummarized.

Refer to [The Topic Tree Pane](#) for more information.

Topics Drop-Down List Box

The Topics Drop-Down List Box lets you select the type of topics you wish to see displayed in the Topic Tree pane:

- ▶ **My Topics** (topics you have created)
- ▶ **Scheduled Topics** (topics that are currently scheduled)
- ▶ **WebCompass Topics** (all of the topics in the WebCompass database)
- ▶ **Topics with New Info** (topics for which a new document has been found in the last day)

Troubleshooting

Following are some problems that you may encounter while using WebCompass and the steps you can take to correct them.

Problem: The topics you created using WebCompass 1.0x don't display in WebCompass 2.0.

Solution: You need to convert your WebCompass 1.0x database into 2.0 format before you will be able to use the topics in your 1.0x database. Refer to [Importing Databases](#) for instructions on how to do this.

Problem: WebCompass is open, but no topics, documents, or summaries are visible.

Solution: You need to open a new or an existing WebCompass database. To do this, pull down the File menu and select **New** to create a new WebCompass database or **Open** to open an existing database.

Problem: You perform a search, but don't receive any response from any active search resource.

Solution: If you have a dial-up connection to the Internet, make sure that the connection is working. If the connection has been dropped, reestablish it.

If your connection to the Internet is working, but you still get no responses from any search resource, contact your ISP to make sure their connection to the Internet is working. If you are on a LAN, contact the System Administrator to see if the network's connection to the Internet is working.

If you are on a LAN that is behind a firewall, make sure WebCompass is configured for proxy support and that the proxy settings are correct. Refer to [Configuring Network Parameters](#) for more information.

Problem: You perform a search, but one active search resource doesn't generate any responses at all.

Solution: Switch to your Web browser and attempt to contact the search resource. If the resource fails to respond, then it is either down, very busy, or no longer exists. Disable it temporarily, then try it again later (refer to the Editing Search Resources section of [Configuring Search Resources](#) for more information).

Problem: The Quick Topics toolbar (or any of the other toolbars) isn't visible.

Solution: Pull down the View menu and make sure that the toolbars you want to see in WebCompass have a checkmark next to them. If they don't, select them to enable them. Refer to [The View Menu](#) for more information.

Problem: The topics you created don't display in the Topic Tree pane.

Solution: Check the Topics drop-down list box to make sure that My Topics is selected. If it isn't, click on the triangle to the right and select My Topics from the list that displays. Refer to [The WebCompass Screen](#) for more information.

Problem: When you try to organize a topic by content, you get an error message that says the topic doesn't have enough documents.

Solution: Search the Web for the topic again, making sure to let WebCompass search as long as it takes. This will ensure that the topic has enough documents so that it can be organized by content.

Problem: Almost all of the buttons on the toolbars and the commands on the menus are dimmed.

Solution: Click on the name of a topic to make the buttons and commands available.

The Introductory Tutorial

The Introductory Tutorial takes you through:

- ▶ Creating a topic
- ▶ Configuring a topic
- ▶ Searching the Web

Note: This tutorial assumes you have WebCompass open and that you are connected to the Internet. If this isn't the case, refer to [Starting Up](#) for information about opening WebCompass and connecting to the Internet.


- [Click here to begin the Introductory Tutorial.](#)
- [Click here to go to the Tutorial Introduction.](#)



Creating a Topic

Creating a topic is a multi-step process that lets you set up the topic and configure it exactly as you want it to be.

To create a topic in WebCompass:

1. Click the **New Topic Wizard** button  on the Controls toolbar.
2. On the first WebCompass Topic Wizard screen, in the **Topic name to search on** field, type "Jazz" without the quotes as the topic name.
3. Click the triangle in the drop-down list box and select **General**, then click **Next**.
You can select any search resource category you want, but General is most appropriate for Jazz.
4. On the second WebCompass Topic Wizard screen, click on **Jazz** and then click **Next**.
Activating topics from the WebCompass topic database generally ensures a more comprehensive search.
5. On the third WebCompass Topic Wizard screen, click in the **Additional keyword terms** box, type "Blues" without the quotes, click **Add**, and then click **Next**.



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Configuring a Topic

To configure a topic in WebCompass:

1. On the fourth WebCompass Topic Wizard screen, click the **Topic Properties** button.
2. Click the Agent tab.
3. Click in the checkbox next to **Search the Web**, then change the 7 in the Days field to 1.
4. Click in the checkbox next to **Resummarize Existing Documents**, then change the 7 in the Days field to 2.
5. Click **OK**.

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Searching the Web

To have WebCompass begin searching for the new topic:

1. Click **Finish** on the fourth WebCompass Topic Wizard screen.
WebCompass begins searching for the new topic.

The Introductory tutorial is complete!

For more information about how to use WebCompass, refer to the [WebCompass online help](#).

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The Advanced Features Tutorial

The Advanced Features Tutorial takes you through:

- ▶ Creating a related topic
- ▶ Adding a document
- ▶ Adding a search resource
- ▶ Displaying a topic in a Web browser

Note: This tutorial assumes you have WebCompass open and that you are connected to the Internet. If this isn't the case, refer to [Starting Up](#) for information about opening WebCompass and connecting to the Internet.

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I Creating a Related Topic

If you want to create only one related topic for a topic, or if organizing by content didn't produce a particular related topic that you want, you can create a related topic at any time without having to organize the topic by content.

To create a related topic:

1. Click on **Jazz** in the Topic Tree pane, then pull down the File menu and select **Create Related Topic**.
2. In the Topic name field, enter **Blues**, in the Using resources of category drop-down list box, select **General**, for a Query term, enter **Muddy Waters** and press **Add**, and in the Definitions box, enter **A kind of jazz music**, then click the **Agent** tab.
3. For Agent Searches the Web, specify **Every 1 Days**, and for Agent Resummarizes Existing Documents for this Topic, specify **Every 2 Days**, then click **OK**.
4. Double click on the topic name in the Topic Tree pane of the main WebCompass screen to display the new related topic.

Tip: To immediately search the Web for a new related topic, right-click the name of the related topic and select **Search the Web** from the shortcut menu that displays.



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Adding a Document

In some instances, WebCompass may not immediately find a document that you would like to be part of a topic. You can easily add a document to a topic if you know its URL (Web address).

To add a document to a topic:

1. Click on the topic name, **Jazz**, in the Topic Tree pane of the main WebCompass screen to select it.
2. Pull down the Edit menu and select **Add Document**.
3. In the **Please enter URL for new document** field, enter **http://redlt.com/tom/**, which is the URL of Tom Morgan's Jazz and Blues Web page.
4. Click **OK**.
5. Scroll down the list of documents in the Document List pane to make sure that the document you just added is at the bottom of the list.

The new document will be summarized when the topic is next summarized.

Tip: To immediately summarize a document you've manually added to a topic, right-click the name of the document and select **Summarize Document** from the shortcut menu.

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Adding a Search Resource

You can add a new search resource whenever you discover one.

To add a search resource to WebCompass:

1. Pull down the Agent menu and select **Edit Search Resources**, then click **Add**.
2. Enter **cjnet news.com** in the Resource name field, **http://www.news.com** in the Resource URL field, select **Technical** from the Category drop-down list box, and then click **Capture**.

The Web browser opens, and displays the Capture page for the search resource you are adding.

Note: It is extremely important that you read the instructions at the top of the screen.

3. Type **searchfield** in the field where you type the search term, then press **Search**.
4. When the search resource has been added, click the WebCompass icon on the Taskbar or press Alt-Tab to switch back to WebCompass.
5. Click **OK** when the WebCompass Options screen displays.

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Displaying a Topic

All of the documents that are part of a topic can be viewed at one time by opening the topic in your Web browser.

To display a topic in your Web browser:

1. Pull down the View menu and select **View URL/Topic in Browser**.

The Web browser displays, showing the topic name, the number of documents associated with the topic, and the name and summary of each document.

Tip: You can print this file for offline use by selecting the **Print** command from the File menu. You could also save the file as an HTML file for electronic use by selecting **Save As** from the File menu and saving the document in HTML or Source format.

The Advanced Features tutorial is complete!

For more information about how to use WebCompass, refer to the [WebCompass online help](#).



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WebCompass Tutorial

Welcome to the WebCompass Tutorial!

The WebCompass tutorial is divided into two parts:

- ▶ The Introductory Tutorial steps you through creating topics and searching the Web.
- ▶ The Advanced Features Tutorial steps you through many of WebCompass' most significant features, including organizing the results of a search, adding a document to a topic, adding a search resource for WebCompass to use, and viewing your personal WebCompass database in a Web browser.

Both parts of the tutorial display in a small window that will float "on top" of your WebCompass window, so you can read the directions while you work through the instructions. Please feel free to resize or reposition the tutorial window as you go along.

At the top of each tutorial windows is a small button bar: ▶



- Click ▶ to go to the previous topic in the tutorial. Click
- ▶ to go to the next topic in the tutorial. Click
- ▶ to go to the tutorial index, from which you can jump to any step.

- [Click here to go to the Introductory Tutorial.](#)
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Viewing Banner Ads

WebCompass lets you establish whether the banner ads that display on some search resources when you perform a search are shown when you view a document in your Web browser. This feature is enabled (checked) by default.

To view banner ads:

1. On the Search resources tab of the WebCompass Options dialog box, make sure the **Show Banner Ads for Search Resources** field is checked.
2. To disable viewing of banner ads, uncheck the **Show Banner Ads for Search Resources** field.

WebCompass Menus

There are seven menus on the WebCompass menu bar:

- ▶ **File** holds commands to create new topics, find topics of documents in the WebCompass database, and exit the program.
- ▶ **Edit** holds commands to perform actions on topics or documents.
- ▶ **View** holds commands that open the Web browser and control display of components on the WebCompass screen.
- ▶ **Agent** holds commands that control the actions of the WebCompass Agent.
- ▶ **Tools** holds commands to access configurable parameters of WebCompass.
- ▶ **Window** holds commands that control the display of windows on the WebCompass screen.
- ▶ **Help** holds commands that provide access to online help and information about WebCompass.

WebCompass Options

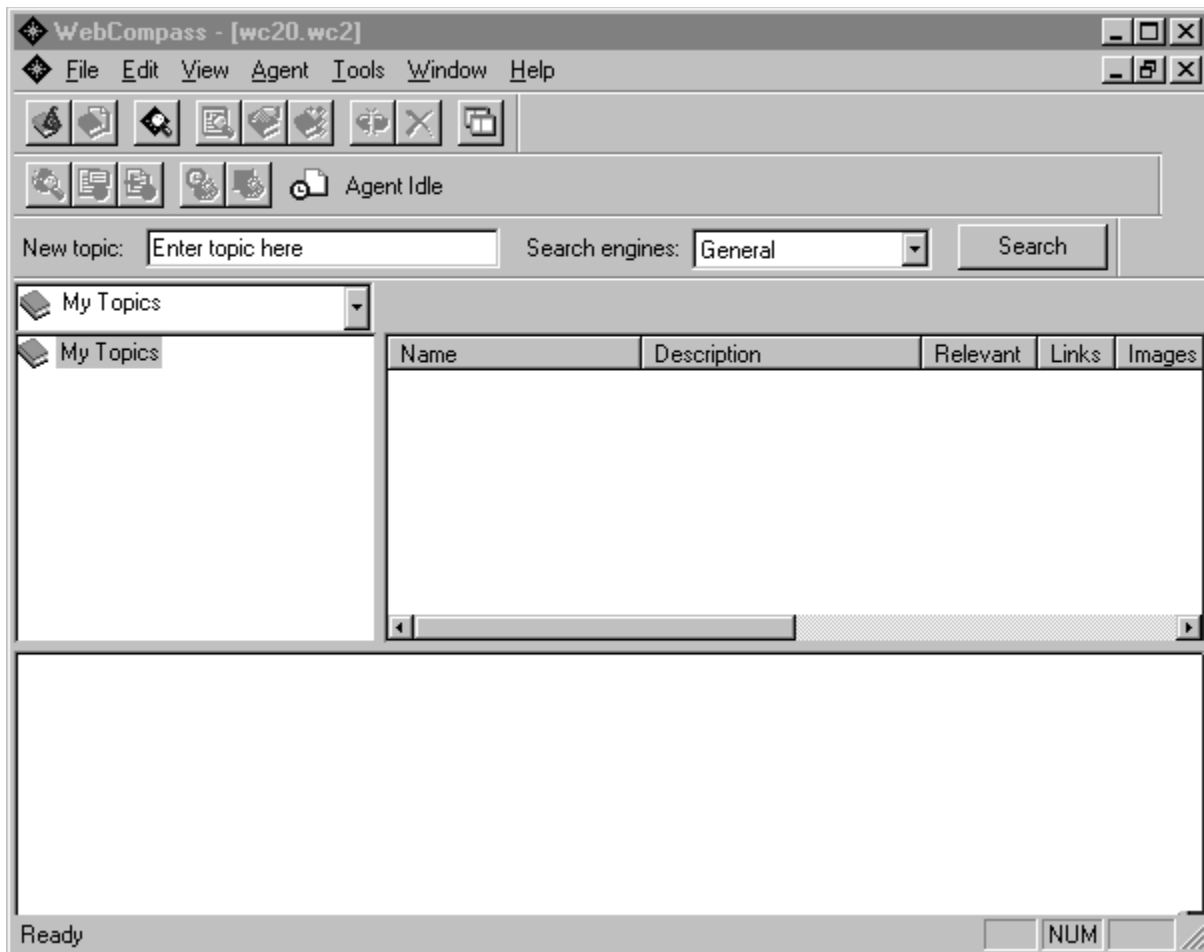
The WebCompass Options dialog box lets you choose a Web browser, configure network parameters, and configure search resources.

The Document Properties dialog box has three tabs:

- ▶ **The Browser Tab** lets you select a Web browser to use with WebCompass.
- ▶ **The Network Tab** lets you control network parameters.
- ▶ **The Search Resources Tab** lets you add, edit, or delete search resources.

The WebCompass Screen

The WebCompass screen is the "command center" for using WebCompass.



Click on this image to see the name of that part of the WebCompass screen. Click again to make the name go away. The parts of the WebCompass screen include:

- ▶ **The Menu bar** provides access to the WebCompass menus. Refer to [WebCompass Menus](#) for more information.
- ▶ **The Controls toolbar** holds buttons used to control WebCompass functions. Refer to [WebCompass Toolbars](#) for more information.
- ▶ **The Tasks toolbar** holds buttons used to perform tasks with WebCompass. Refer to [WebCompass Toolbars](#) for more information.
- ▶ **The Quick Topics toolbar** quickly create a new topic in WebCompass by typing a name, selecting a search resource category, and clicking **Search**. Refer to [WebCompass Toolbars](#) for more information.
- ▶ **The Topics drop-down list box** select the type of topics you wish to see displayed in the Topic Tree pane: My Topics (topics you have created), Scheduled Topics (topics that are currently scheduled), WebCompass Topics (all of the topics in the WebCompass database), and Topics with New Info (topics for which a new document has been found in the last day).
- ▶ **The Topic Tree pane** displays topics of the topic type selected in the Topics drop-down list box. If a topic name has a plus sign on its lower left, this means that the topic has related topics. If a topic's icon has a small red-outlined clock on it, then the topic is scheduled to be searched for or resummarized. Refer to [The Topic Tree Pane](#) for more information.
- ▶ **The Document List pane** displays the names of, and other information about, each of the documents that WebCompass has found for the selected topic. If the document's icon is yellow, the document was retrieved or resummarized within the last day; if the icon is white, then the document **hasn't** been retrieved or resummarized in the last day. Refer to [The Document List Pane](#) for more information.

- ▶ **The Document Summary pane** displays the name, summary, keywords, and annotations for the document selected in the Document List pane.
- ▶ **The Status bar** displays the current status of the WebCompass Agent or a description of the button the mouse pointer is currently over.
- ▶ **The Shortcut Menus** although not a visible part of the WebCompass screen, shortcut menus provide easy access to frequently used commands. To display shortcut menus, position your mouse pointer on a topic or a document and click and hold down the right mouse button. Refer to **Shortcut Menus** for more information.

WebCompass Toolbars

WebCompass has three toolbars:

- ▶ **Controls**, directly under the Menu bar
- ▶ **Tasks**, under the Controls toolbar
- ▶ **Quick Topics**, under the Tasks toolbar

