Configuration

⬛ Right clicking on the Data Grabber icon in the taskbar tray allows for the following configurations

● Select *Display Boxed* menu selection for a box display

● Select *Display Horizontal* menu selection for a horizontal display

● Toggle the *Keep On Top* menu selection to keep Data Grabber on top of all other windows..

● Select *Open Link File* to load any other <u>link files</u> you create.

⬛ Double clicking on the label portion of the Data Grabber window cycles through various color choices

⬛ Drag the Data Grabber window where you want with a mouse press over the label area.

All configuration choices are automatically saved for future sessions.

DATA GRABBER

Data Grabber is a desktop search tool for the internet.   It quietly resides in the taskbar tray until you are ready to target a database for information.

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Edit File Type

How to edit the Windows File Type URL:HyperText Transfer Protocol

● Close any Web Browsers that may be running.

● Click Windows Start | Settings | Control Panel   then from the top menu View | Options | File Types.

● Select URL:HyperText Transfer Protocol, and click the Edit button. (Note that there is no browser associated with it)

● Under Actions, select *open*, and click the Edit button. (If there is no *open* listed in the Actions list box, then simply click on the button captioned *New* and enter the word *open* under the label captioned *Action* and continue with the next step)

● In the "Application used to perform action:" box, click the Browse button, and locate the Browser that you want to launch.

● Check the *Use DDE* checkbox.

● Where it asks for the *DDE Message*, enter   *%1*

● In the Application entry field, place the name of your browser as it appears on the title bar of the browser.   If you use Netscape, you would enter *Netscape*; if Internet Explorer, then enter *IExplorer*.

● Where it asks for *Topic*, enter   *WWW_OpenURL*

● Your default Web Browser will now activate for all URL-linked applications for HTTP.

Link File
The link file is a text file which contains a listing of databases to target for searches.   You may add, edit and delete entries.   Each listing is in the form of a bookmark directed at a database accessible via the internet with your default browser.   Only one link file may be loaded into Data Grabber at a time, but more than one link file may exist.

Quick Start

Make sure you are first connected to the internet.

If you installed Data Grabber with the authorized installation setup.exe, then click on Start | Programs | DATAGRAB .

Data Grabber will start by placing an icon in the taskbar tray.   Left or right click the icon to activate Data Grabber.   (Right clicking also pops up a menu.)

Select a database name from the combo box.   Enter your search string in the text box.   Click GO.

Your default browser will activate with the search results.

Technical Support

Data Grabber operates on a very simple concept.   After a database is selected and a search is entered, clicking GO (or pressing Enter) simply passes off the query bookmark with the search properly inserted to Windows.   Windows matches up the HTTP with your default browser based upon your File Types.   The query is then passed off to your default browser.   If the browser is not running, Windows will launch it.   A connection to the internet should be made before executing Data Grabber.

When I click GO, nothing happens.
If you are one of the few who click GO (or press Enter) and nothing happens, then you simply need to <u>edit a File Type</u> in Windows called URL:HyperText Transfer Protocol and reset it to point to your default browser.

Why does a new instance of the browser launch each time I click GO?
Make sure that the *Use DDE* checkbox is checked and information pertaining to the DDE is completed as described in the <u>edit a file type</u>.

If you find yourself with a problem relating to Data Grabber not referenced here, first check Data Grabber's home page at http://www.wildcowpublishing.com/ .   If the problem still persists, then feel free to send email addressed to support@wildcowpublishing.com .

All new versions of Data Grabber will first be posted at Data Grabber's home page.

Tips and Tricks

● Drag a shortcut into the c:\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup folder to have Data Grabber load each time the computer is turned on.   Then it will always be ready when you are.

● Drag a shortcut to the desktop for easy loading of Data Grabber.

● Right click the Data Grabber icon in the taskbar tray and select **Edit Link File** .   At the end of the link file, enter a new category of your choosing and place internet shortcuts (bookmarks) directly beneath the category heading obeying the same <u>rules which apply to the database links</u>.   This gives you another way to access regular bookmarks ... even creating multiple categories for easy organization of bookmarks. We all know how fast a list of bookmarks can grow!   These will not access databases / search engines, so there will be no need to enter text in the query keyword text box before you click GO.

● Create different link files for each user in the family.   Children can have link files customized as a Homework Helper; other users can add, edit or delete database link entries tailored to their liking.   It is easy to switch between link files with the **Open Link File** menu selection on the Data Grabber pop up menu.

● Occasionally, database links become outdated.   As web sites change and rearrange content, a database link might fail to produce any data.   Either edit the database link to the correct shortcut or delete the affected link.   This is easily accomplished using Data Grabber's pop up menu selection *Edit Link File*.

Rules which apply to the database links

This is an example database link:

Free Stuff Search|||http://freestuff.com/free.cgi?p=|1|---Enter keyword(s):

Each database link must have three parts.
- Title: **Free Stuff Search**
- Shortcut: **http://freestuff.com/free.cgi?p=|1|**
- Instructions: **Enter keyword(s):**

The following must separate the Title from the Shortcut: **|||**

The following must separate the Shortcut from the Instructions: **---**

The Shortcut must contain no spaces.

For each link entry, the following needs to be where the search query is placed: **|1|** .

An additional |2| and |3| may be place where needed in the link entry, but not necessary.   For example, this database link

MapIt|||http://here.net/search.cgi?address=|1|&city=|2|&state=|3|---Enter address, city, ST:

would expect a query entered into Data Grabber like this: *100 Main Street, Lima, OH*   Please notice the use of the commas.

Data Grabber replaces |1|, |2|, |3| with your entered query.   If, for example, you entered a query of *100 Main Street, Lima*   (note the missing state value), then Data Grabber would replace the |3| with a blank.