

WebLink Explorer, Version 2.0

Release Notes

This document lists new features, enhancements, and bug fixes made since the last release. In addition, it describes known problems/issues with this release. Please check back on our web site for updates and new releases.

NOTE: If you encounter any other problems running WebLink Explorer, please let us know so we can resolve them. While we've tested WebLink Explorer on different platforms, some environments may bring up issues we haven't encountered.

UPGRADING FROM WEBLINK EXPLORER 1.2.1

If you're upgrading from a previous release of WebLink Explorer, you need to make a copy of your current WebLink Explorer database (used to store all your existing categories and links) BEFORE you uninstall the old version of WebLink Explorer, if you want to keep the links you've already saved.

Here are the steps to upgrade to a new version of WebLink Explorer:

1. BEFORE uninstalling the previous version of WebLink Explorer, make a copy of the weblinkdb.mdb database (stored in the WebLink Explorer installation directory, for example, C:\Program Files\WebLink Explorer\db).
2. Uninstall the currently installed version of WebLink Explorer, for example, using the Add/Remove Programs option from the Control Panel.
3. Install the new version of WebLink Explorer, Version 2.0. When you're finished, replace the new installed database file with your original database by copying the original weblinkdb.mdb file over the new database file.

NOTE: WebLink Explorer stores all your category and link information in a database, so it's good practice to periodically make a backup copy of the weblinkdb.mdb database file, in case you want to copy links to a different computer, you inadvertently delete links you wanted to keep, or have a problem with your computer.

What's New?

This section describes the more significant new features and enhancements added to this release of WebLink Explorer.

Publish and Share Feature

The most significant new feature added to Version 2.0 of WebLink Explorer is the "Publish and Share" feature. WebLink Explorer's new Publish feature lets you create, select, and then publish your own personal categories and links as HTML web pages that you can then send or distribute to your friends or colleagues. Those users, if they're also using WebLink Explorer, can import the entire set of published links in a single operation. And even if they're not using WebLink Explorer, they can access the links simply by opening the published web page in a browser.

When users import links from a published category web page, not only does WebLink Explorer save the selected hyperlinks from the published web page, but it also captures and stores the description entered for each link, so the category links are transferred exactly as they were saved. See *What's New?*, the *Quick Start Guide*, or online help for more information on using the Publish and Share feature and importing links from published category web pages.

Searching for and Displaying Stored Links

Even with the best of systems for categorizing and organizing links, there will be times when you simply just can't find the information or web page link you know you've stored someplace, but just can't remember where. Not a problem. In WebLink Explorer, you can simply enter part or all a word that can help to identify a previously stored link. We first introduced this feature in Version 1.2.1, but in this release, Version 2.0, have enhanced the functionality so that WebLink Explorer now displays the category in which the links you searched for, are actually stored, in addition to letting you click directly on the links in the search results display, to go to the corresponding web site.

QuickStart and Online Help

While WebLink Explorer's display and user interface is pretty intuitive and simple to use, once you become familiar with it, it also provides a lot of functionality. There are also a lot of different ways to perform the same operations, so you can pick and choose between the various methods that most suit your particular preference and way you use the Internet. To help you take advantage of all its features, the WebLink Explorer Online Help provides topics and illustrations detailing all of the operations you can perform. You can access online help at any time just by clicking the **Help** button.

Improved Integration with your Web Browser

There are two ways users can choose to use WebLink Explorer. First, since WebLink Explorer includes a web browser already embedded and accessible with a single tab click, you can choose to use the embedded WebLink Explorer browser whenever you access the Internet. That way, whenever, you run across a link that you want to save or capture, you can simply drag it into a category in the Explorer tree or right-click with your mouse and choose the “Add Link to WebLink Explorer” context menu option.

If you want to capture a number of links, all at the same time, you can click the Add Links button and select from a list of web page links on the displayed web page, and store them all at once in a new or existing category. (See the *Quick Start Guide* or the online help for more information.)

If you prefer, you can also store links in WebLink Explorer from your web browser, even if WebLink Explorer is not already open, is in the background, or minimized using the same right-click context menu option “Add Link to WebLink Explorer.” When you choose this option, WebLink Explorer displays a popup menu displaying a list a categories in which you can save links. After saving a link, focus returns to your original browser window, so you can continue on with what you were doing before.

Minor Feature Enhancements and Bug Fixes

This section describes smaller feature enhancements and fixes added to this release of WebLink Explorer.

- **Toolbar and Browser Context Menu Startup** — Launching WebLink Explorer multiple times from the toolbar or right-click context menu “Add Link to WebLink Explorer” option now correctly reuses already open WebLink Explorer window. For the right-click menu option, WebLink Explorer automatically displays a popup window letting you choose the category in which to add new links.
- **Entering Web Page Addresses and Local Collection Search Strings** — The Enter or Return key now automatically complete entries in Web Page Address and Local Search fields and displays the corresponding web page or search results based on where the cursor is positioned (so you no longer need to click the Go button).
- **Automatic Tab Switching** — Entering a web page, link search, or clicking a node in the Explorer tree now correctly refreshes and updates the display based on the correct context.

- **Deleting Folders or Categories** — Deleting folders from Explorer tree now safeguards against deleting a folder that may still contain subcategories or subfolders. Users are prompted to first move those sub categories and subfolders to another location, then delete the folder or category.
- **Importing Link Description Info from Published Category Web Pages** — Importing links from a published web page using the Add Links button now captures link descriptions in addition to basic hypertext URL and link label information.
- **Enter Key Completion** — Added default completion of dialog boxes such as "Add New Category" so pressing Enter or Return key completes operation rather than requiring you to click OK button.

Known Problems and Issues

This section describes known problems and issues in this release of WebLink Explorer.

- **WebLink Explorer Startup Options** — After the application is installed, you can start WebLink Explorer program in several different ways.
 - WebLink Explorer option from Windows Start | Programs menu.
 - WebLink Explorer program shortcut icon installed on desktop.
 - WebLink Explorer toolbar icon added to the Internet Explorer toolbar.
 - WebLink Explorer menu option in the Internet Explorer Tools menu.
 - "Add Links to WebLink Explorer" context menu (right-click) option available in Internet Explorer browser window (web page displays).

On some computers, the WebLink Explorer toolbar icon, which is added to the Internet Explorer toolbar may not automatically be displayed. In that case, select the Toolbars option from the Internet Explorer View menu and choose Customize. From there you can add available toolbar buttons to the current toolbar and also select size of displayed icons. Besides toolbar options you can choose which standard elements to include in default browser windows, for example, the Standard buttons or the Address bar.

- **Disabled Features** — Synchronize and Options buttons are disabled in this release.
- **Toolbar Show/Hide buttons** — WebLink Explorer provides Show/Hide buttons in WebLink Explorer main toolbar to expand/collapse WebLink Explorer browser window. The Show button currently only expands the display, not collapse it again when you click a second time. You can click the Hide button to collapse the display (or you can simply resize the WebLink Explorer browser window).

- **Resizing Width of the Explorer Tree** — The cursor does not change to show the resizing cursor when you move the mouse over the vertical resizing bar separating the Explorer Tree and the right-pane display. You can still resize the width of the Explorer Tree pane, however you won't get any visual indication when you've properly selected the resizing bar to move it. (This is a problem reported as a known Microsoft issue.)
- **Resizing the WebLink Explorer Browser Window** — Dragging the bottom horizontal frame border of the WebLink Explorer browser window correctly resizes the height of the window but does not always refresh the right pane contents. (The screen is refreshed when you click on a node or select some other WebLink Explorer operation.) In addition to the horizontal border, you can also resize the window from the corner or right-side vertical frame border.
- **Display Grid Repainting Problem** — You may notice some intermittent flashing of the WebLink Explorer display on startup, resizing and refresh of category link displays. (We're reported this problem to the provider of software used to display category links.)
- **Refreshing Display and Capturing Links from Email Messages** — There are some situations in which clicking on a link in displayed web pages or an email message takes over the WebLink Explorer browser window. (Somewhat rude behavior.) To restore the WebLink Explorer display, click the Back button or select the View|Go To|Back (ALT-left arrow) menu option in Internet Explorer.
- **Windows XP Explorer Tree Icons** — WebLink Explorer Tree folder and category icons not displayed. (This is problem reported to be a known Microsoft issue.)
- **Retaining State of Currently Selected Folder or Category** — The WebLink Explorer Tree does not currently retain the state of last selected folder or category following some operations, for example, renaming, creating a new folder or category or dragging or moving a category to a different position in the tree.
- **Repositioning Categories in the WebLink Explorer Tree** — The Explorer Tree provides drag and drop functionality similar to that provided by the Explorer program in Microsoft Windows, where WebLink Explorer categories are similar to files. In that regard, only folders can contain categories. So, when you drag a folder to a category location, WebLink Explorer will move the folder to the specified position under the same parent folder as the category you selected. (We may revisit drag and drop behavior in a future release to provide additional granularity and options as to where dragged categories and folders are placed.)
- **Move and Copy Category Options Disabled** — Right-click context menu options for moving and copying categories are disabled in this release. As a workaround, you can create a new category in the tree and then move or copy all the links in a category to the new category.
- **Search for Links in Category** — Drag and Drop and right-click context menu options are disabled in the display of links when you display search results.

- **Copy and Paste Text** — You can copy text from web pages displayed in the WebLink Explorer embedded browser to the description fields in category link displays, however, the Ctrl-C shortcut keys do not work reliably to capture text. To copy text from a displayed web page, select the text you want to copy, then right-click and select the Copy menu option. To paste the text in a category link description, click in the Description field for a particular link, then right-click and select the Paste menu option or press Ctrl-V. You can also paste the text in the description field by opening the link properties dialog (right-click on a category link), then select press Ctrl-V or right-click again and select the Paste menu option.
- **Tabbed Category Link Display Scroll Bar** — The right scroll bar occasionally doesn't let you drag scroll bar to view all links in category. This problem usually occurs when the number of rows just exceeds the space available in the tabbed category display window (right pane). If the problem occurs, you can navigate through remaining link rows in a category by clicking the down arrow pointer (▾) in the scroll bar
- **Selecting, Dragging (Moving and Copying Links)** — When you select a category, WebLink Explorer automatically selects and highlights the first row of links in the category. You can click and select a different link row or press the Shift or Ctrl key and click to select multiple rows. After rows are selected, you can drag them to a different position within the same category or drag them to a new category in the Explorer Tree. (Pressing and holding down the Ctrl key while you drag the links to a new category will copy the links, so you can store links in more than one category.
- There is a known issue on the tabbed category link page display (right pane) where clicking on the row selector (gray rectangular box area to the left of web site link field) for a particular link does not select the row. That is, the cursor does not change from Arrow pointer () to Hand pointer () and row is not highlighted. To make sure link row is properly selected, click on the row selector again until the cursor pointer changes to a hand and the link row is highlighted. The following two illustrations show the two pointers.

CLICK MOUSE UNTIL ARROW POINTER CHANGES TO HAND CURSOR

