

Favorites from Bookmarks

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Description:

Do you ever wish that your Internet Explorer favorites were the same as your Netscape bookmarks? I did. I usually run Netscape Navigator but occasionally use MS Internet Explorer but didn't have the bookmarks available that I was accustomed to using.

Running this script will replace your Internet Explorer "Favorites" file with your Netscape Navigator "Bookmarks" file on your hard drive. When started, it gives you a choice to backup your old favorites file or delete it. Backups are given a random number filename and stored in a newly created folder, "Backups of Favorites."

The next time you start Internet Explorer, it will recognize this new Favorites file and convert it to its own format. All the Netscape bookmarks, including folders, remain intact. Explorer 4.0 adds its own formatting and icons automatically.

Requirements:

Hardware: Any Macintosh computer capable of running Netscape Navigator 3 (or higher) and Internet Explorer 3 (or higher) should be able to run this Applescript.

Software: Netscape Navigator 3 (or higher), Internet Explorer 3 (or higher), and the Applescript extension (standard on System 7 and above, and available from Apple.com). Runs on Apple System 7 or higher, as long as Applescript works.

To Install:

1. Place (drag) the Script **Favorites from Bookmarks** from this folder to a convenient location, like the Automated Tasks folder in the Apple Menu Items located in the System folder of the startup disk you use for internet applications. I suggest placing an alias of the script in the startup items folder as well, to make it totally automatic.
2. You must have both **Netscape Navigator** and **Internet Explorer** installed, and you must run this script from the startup disk used for both of these web browsers. This is necessary since the default files are in the system folder of the startup disk. If you change startup disks, you will need to run the script again.

How it works:

1. When you run the script, it first checks the default locations for both the Bookmarks.html and Favorites.html. If both are present the script continues. If either or both are missing, the script aborts.
2. After locating both files the script asks the user if a backup of old favorites is desired. It reminds the user that backups take up disk space and should be removed periodically. If the user selects to backup the favorites, the script checks for a backup folder. If it is located, the favorites file is copied there with a random number filename. If the backup folder does not exist the script creates one and the backup is done.
3. Finally, the Bookmarks file is copied to the favorites location and renamed favorites. A complete (original) copy is used instead of an alias because Internet Explorer will convert an alias to an complete file anyway.

This script is freeware, but feedback would be appreciated. It may be included on any software archive or other media, such as CD-ROM as long as credit is given to me, Ron Yates.

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