

what URL?!

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Freeware Public Beta

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what is it?!

The Internet hasn't changed much since it started -- to get things done, you need an array of different applications. But keeping your URLs consistent with all these different applications proved difficult. Clearly, there should be a program just for URLs, which would "talk" to whichever application you wanted it to. That's when what URL?! showed up.

what does it do?

what URL?! started its life to do only two things, and do them as well as it could: drag-and-drop accept, and launch URLs.

Within Netscape bookmarks, your ftp:, news:, and mailto: links all stay within Netscape. What if you wanted to send that mailto: to Eudora? or that news: to Newswatcher? or that ftp: to Anarchie? With what URL?!, this is possible. Not only that, but with what URL?!, you get a more intuitive interface and a richer environment than Netscape. And all for free.

Since then, it has grown considerably. And in every step, we've thought "What can we add to this to make it a better URL launcher, without bloating it with excess features?"

In 1.0, it's scriptability.

Scripting allows what URL?! not only to be used in yet untold ways with current scriptable applications, but it allows it to be used with ones that don't even exist yet. Nifty, eh? And we've included just a sample of what's possible...

what are the requirements?

- Internet Config 1.1 or greater (current version, as of this writing, is 1.3)

what URL?! relies on IC for your helpers settings and launching, and will not work without it. If you don't have it, get it. IC, rightly so, is becoming a worldwide standard for storing and fetching Internet preferences on the Macintosh.

- at least 768 KB of available RAM, though 1000kb is recommended.
- 68020, 030 or 040 processor (LC versions are fine) or PowerPC processor. WU?! will not run on 68000 systems.
- System 7.0 or later.
- for PowerPC systems, the Object Support Library, which is part of system System 7.5. For earlier systems, the user must have installed the ObjectSupportLib extension. This is included.

- AppleScript and Drag-and-Drop is highly recommended (both are included in System 7.5 and up). See Apple's support site for the extensions for System 7.1 and later. <<http://www.support.apple.com/>>

Version History

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Final 1.0 feature set achieved!

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- AppleScript support added
- Undo/Redo started and mostly functional
- Improved interface
- Snazzy new grayscale appearance added
- Refinement of document structure completed
- Labelling enabled with saved view state
- Stationery support added

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- Converter droplet to update old wU?! documents created

Known Limitations:

- AppleScript dictionary incomplete
- Frontier support not yet implemented
- Undo not fully implemented for property changes via script and via "Get Info..." dialog

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- Fixed a problem with WU?! initializing with certain versions of InternetConfig.
- Fixed slow sorting when using files with many links (130+).

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NM & JC

- Added hit & date tracking, and added label support in the entry structure (not implemented yet).
- Changed file format structure. Old documents must be saved in a5 to gain the new format. a5 files are NOT backwards compatible.
- Added View By features. Documents can be sorted on Title, Location, Hits, Dates, and Labels. Windows default to Title (the most useful). This state is not saved yet.
- Added new windows menu, keyboard control of windows, and menu window selection. Menus also track modified windows by underlining the titles.
- Added new about box.
- Added mailto and http shortcuts into apple menu.
- Added new button graphics to complement Aaron better (and to just look nicer).
- Removed URLs Menu: Add URL became New URL (⌘U), Change URL became Get Info (⌘I), and Delete URL became Clear in the Edit menu!
- Keyboard navigation (Arrows/Enter)

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JC

- Fixed interwindow drag and drop. Dragging to the finder will create a text clipping that also retains the other flavors, making it possible to import it back into WU?!. A private and public clipboard has been implemented.
- The first PPC native WU?! is born.

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- Fixed minor bug where the about box would crash.
- Fixed minor glitch where drag rectangles would be misplaced.
- Added Kent Jenkins' new icon variants.

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- Added icons to windows to show link types. So far, entries _must_not_ be delimited by <>'s for WU to recognize it.
- Added saved window position
- Added zoom window into menu for the time being, until auto position works.
- Added basic printing code. It prints, but only the window contents. No links yet.

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- Fixes a sorting problem where if the data moved into the window had the exact same title as another entry in that window the program would hang.

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- Initial offering to the world

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**THIS PROGRAM IS DEDICATED TO ALL THE FREeware MAC INTERNET AUTHORS OUT THERE
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