Using Basic Internet Tools

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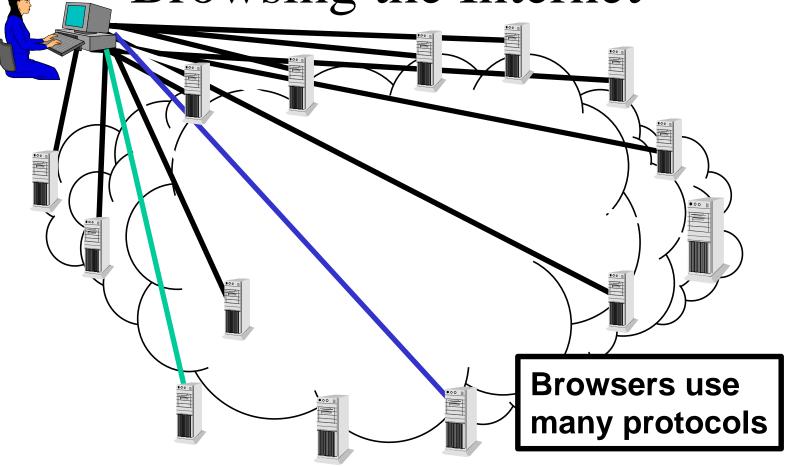
Basic Tools

- Web Browsers
- Telnet log in to a computer text mode
- Electronic mail elm
- Electronic mail POP
- FTP File transfer
- Web Publishing

What is a Browser?

- Netscape Navigator/MS Explorer
 - Netscape includes a POP mail program
- Retrieves, Converts, and Displays
- It is our view of the Web
- It is a program (netscape.exe)
- It requires a working network connection (LAN, PPP, etc.)

Browsing the Internet



URL - All About Data

Where to get the data

How to Display the data





http://www.egr.msu.edu/~crs/crs.gif

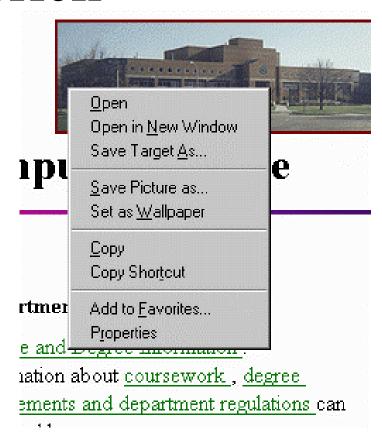
How to retrieve the data



What data to get

Browser Trick

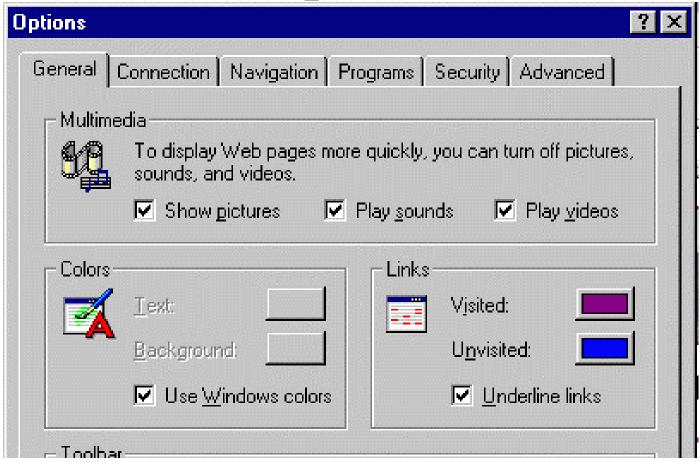
• Learn the "Right Finger Click" - Allows you to have flexibility in what you do with images or downloadable information



Configuring the Browser

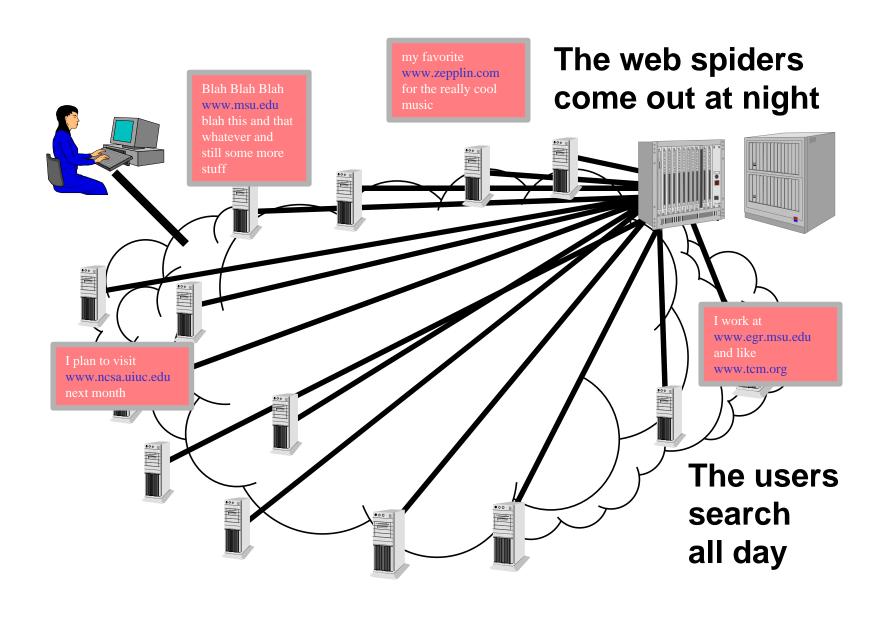
- Netscape Options/Preferences
- Explorer View/Options
- Change fonts, colors, security, start page, search page, network usage, proxy addresses, helper applications, viewers, screen layout, cache settings, image autoloading, etc..
- Configure the POP and NEWS settings

Explorer



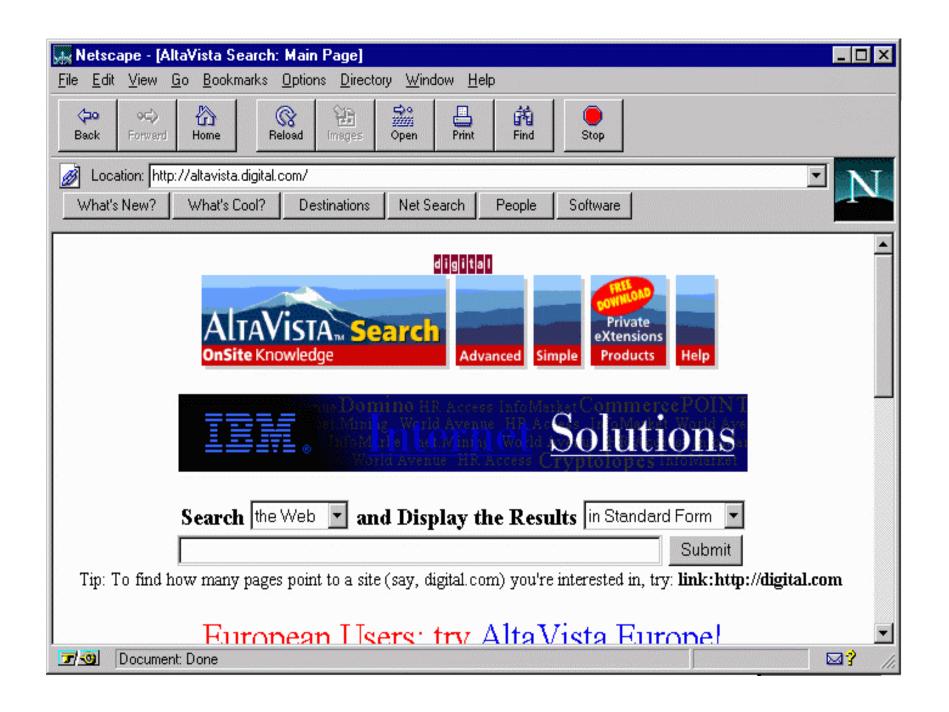
Indexing and Searching

- The web grew too fast can't keep track
 - 31 million pages, 476,000 servers, 23 million hits/day (Altavista Jan 1997)
- Search engines
 - Look at references to pages already stored
 - Retrieve those pages
 - Create keyword index
- Search = keyword index + "Intelligence"



Search Engines

- altavista.digital.com
- altavista.msu.edu
- www.infoseek.com
- www.excite.com
- www.search.com
- www.askjeeves.com

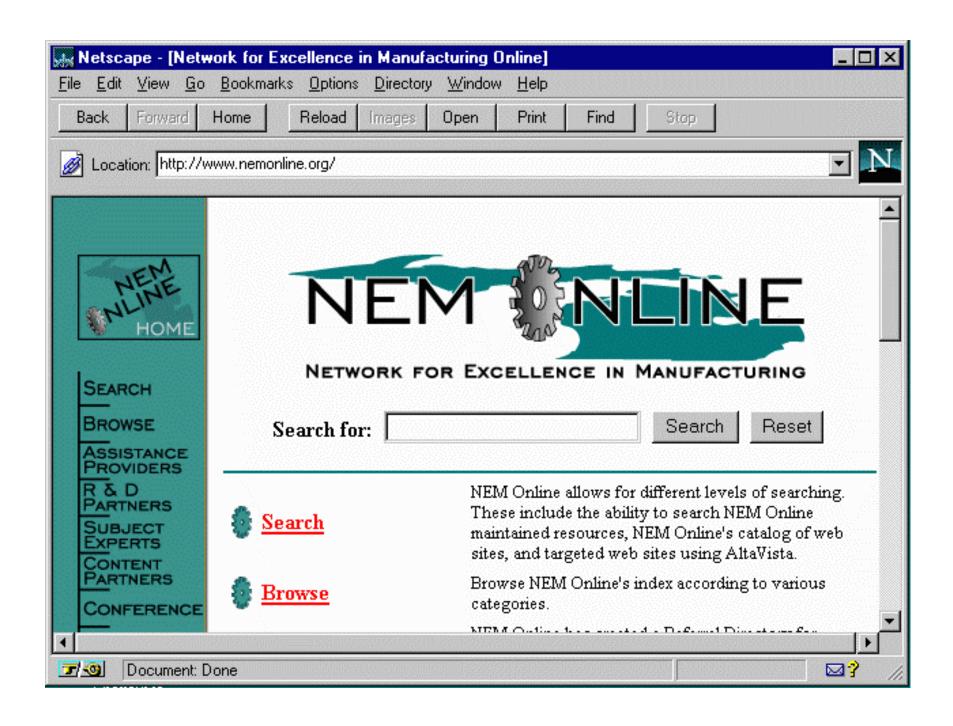


Altavista Tricks

- "apple pie"
- +karaoke +lansing +michigan
- paris = paris, Paris, parIS, or PARIS
- host:*.msu.edu
- url:*.uk
- +"apple pie" +rec*pe -"in the face"
-Many more

Search .vs. Catalog

- Global search engines falling behind
 - Give up on "everything" try "useful info"
 - Search engines have real trouble determining "useful"
- Catalogs www.yahoo.com
- Recent Developments
 - Directed Search Engines Topical
 - Localized Search Engines "Geographical"



Up Next:
Using Telnet
Using E-Mail

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Telnet - Connect Text Mode

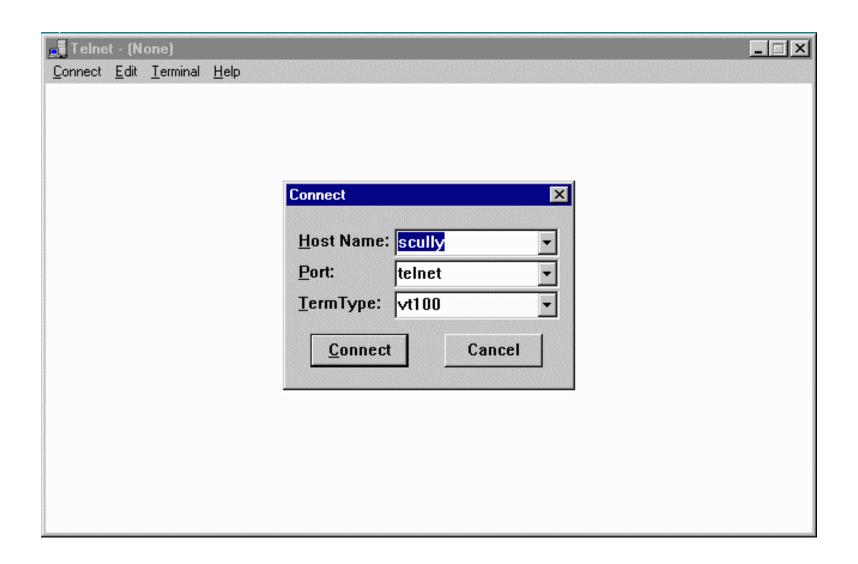
- Telnet is one of the classic applications
- It is a terminal emulator which works over a network connection

TCP/IP Network RS-232 Cable

Telnet

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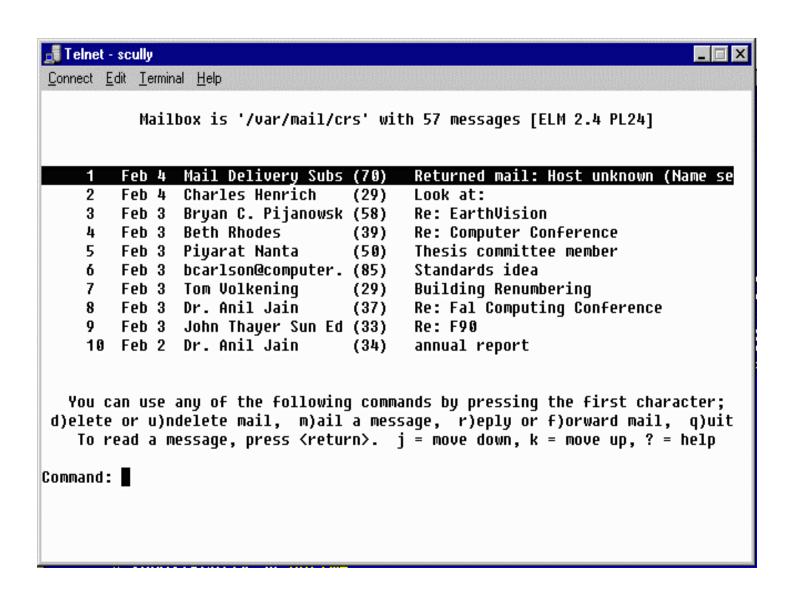
VT100 Terminal



The UNIX System

- Often telnet connects to a UNIX system
- Can be in line mode ala MS-DOS

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SunOS/scully 3% ls
                                          projects
CSACMailList calendar
                            ed
                                                        tmp
              cefile.hang
                                          public
                                                        upload
LIST
                            faculty
              cps291
Mail
                            manage
                                                        web
                                          qqq
bin
              download
                            phones
                                          school
SunOS/scully 4% date
Tue Feb 4 09:06:55 EST 1997
SunOS/scully 5% uptime
  9:07am up 11 day(s), 45 min(s), 17 users, load average: 5.25
SunOS/scully 7% /usr/sbin/ping www.cs.stanford.edu
labrea.Stanford.EDU is alive
SunOS/scully 8% elm
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Electronic Mail

- Largest use of Internet for many years
- Electronic Mail is very reliable
 - Delivered off-line if necessary
 - If a connection is down, E-Mail will be stored and retried later
- E-Mail only works when it is read regularly

E-Mail Addresses

• E-Mail addresses consist of a account name and an Internet Domain Name

Account Name Domain Name

• E-Mail addresses are like phone numbers - on your business card

Reading E-Mail

- Terminal-style interfaces
 - Read mail on the Internet connected server
 - Store folders on the server
 - Must use text editor on server to compose messages
- Post Office Protocol on PC's
 - Much more convenient Mouse
 - PC's may be turned off or disconnected

E-Mail Settings @ MSU

- Pilot Text based uses elm
 - telnet pilot.msu.edu
- Pilot also supports POP access
 - POP server: pilot.msu.edu
 - SMTP server: pilot.msu.edu
 - POP account and password are the same as your pilot ID
- Other departments have other systems

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Mailbox is '/var/mail/crs' with 57 messages [ELM 2.4 PL24]
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Jan 18 Castillo Zacatelco (32) Help me ..!!!
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- 2 Jan 18 Mark A. Hunter (38) IEEE/SEM Web Page
- 3 Jan 18 Marshall D. Hesten (29) Web Version of CPS 291
- 4 Jan 18 Marshall D. Hesten (34) Zoom Text in 220 Egr
- 5 Jan 18 Jeff Evans (32) Re: not making the 10:20
- 6 Jan 17 David J Fitzgerald (90) How to get the money!!??
- 7 Jan 17 David J Fitzgerald (64) Funding Proposal
- 8 Jan 17 Alejandro Diaz (144) Computing Services Advisory Committe
- 9 Jan 17 George. Van_Dusen (25) Engineering Fee
- 10 Jan 17 Bernie G Holmes (54) APP&R Budget Suggestions

You can use any of the following commands by pressing the first character; d)elete or u)ndelete mail, m)ail a message, r)eply or f)orward mail, q)uit To read a message, press <return>. j = move down, k = move up, ? = help

Command: Quit

Folder unchanged.

SunOS/scully 6%

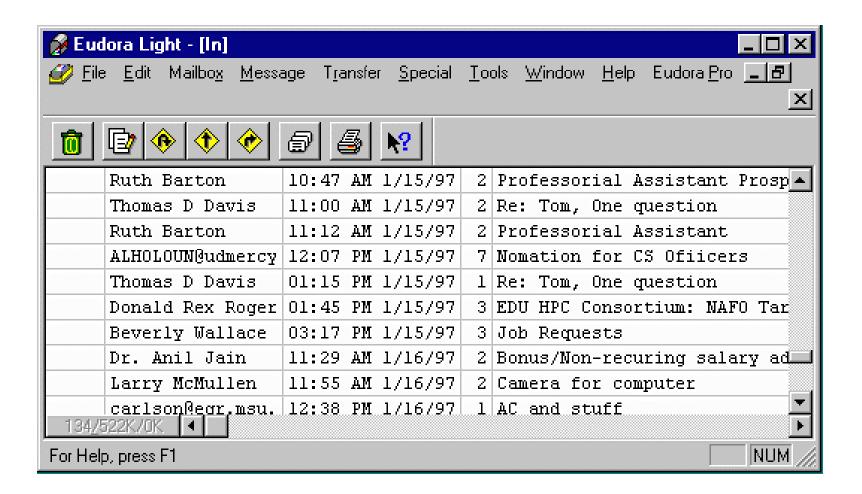
Post Office Protocol (POP)

- With PC's people like "pointy-clicky"
- PC's are not always ready to receive
- POP uses a server to accept mail
- When PC starts up, mail is downloaded from the server
- Ease of editing
- Attaching a binary file

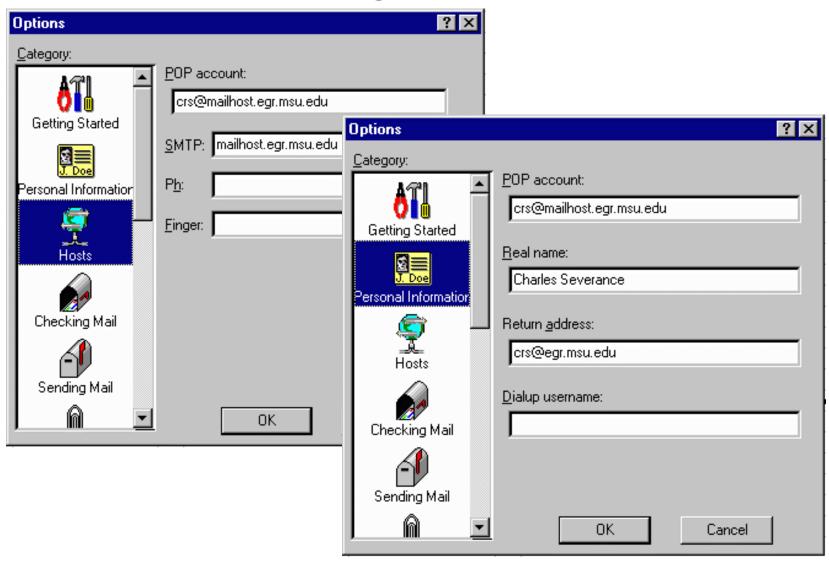
Software which Supports POP

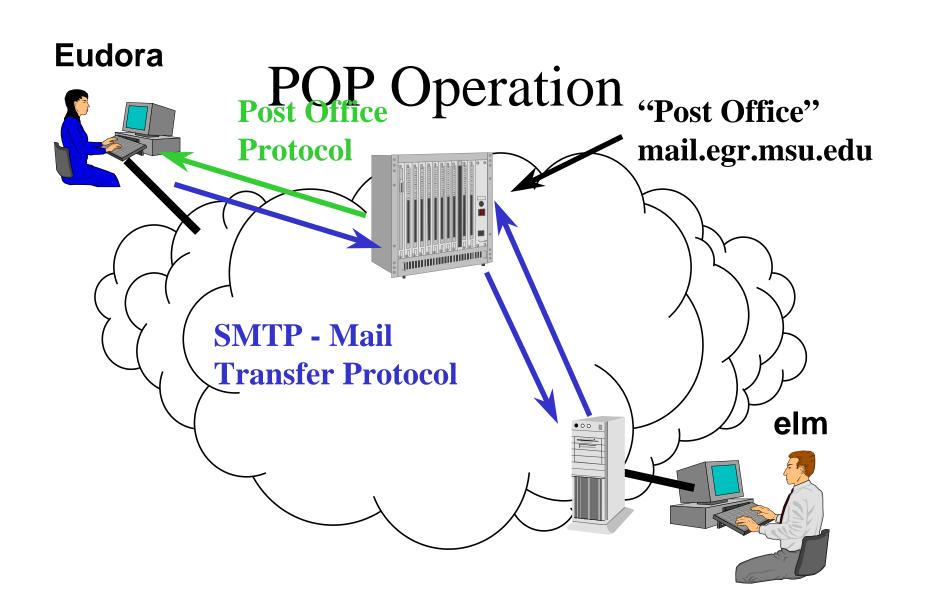
- Eudora
- Netscape
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft Outlook Express
- Many others...

Eudora



Configuration





Attachments

- An advantage of using POP for both sender and receiver
- Similar to sending a file on a floppy
- MIME Good for PC Use when unsure
- binhex Good for Mac
- uuencode Good for UNIX
- Can have viruses JUST like a floppy

Problem with POP

- Incoming messages
 - Copied to Hard Disk If you use one PC
 - Leave on Server If move from PC to PC
- Folders "All my mail from Wiggins"
 - Kept on Hard Disk
- A protocol called IMAP keeps both folders and incoming mail on the server

Up Next: Using FTP Publishing Web Pages

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FTP - File Transfer Protocol

- Used to transfer files
- Can be used to convert text files
 - ASCII <-> EBCDIC (Mainframe)
 - Line-Ending DOS/Mac/UNIX/VMS
- Many programs do FTP
 - Netscape downloads ftp://ftp.msu.edu/
 - Win-95 ftp.exe simple command mode
 - WS_FTP32 Nifty screen mode FTP

FTP Commands

- open pilot.msu.edu
- cd dir
- lcd directory
- put localfile [remotefile]
- get remotefile [localfile]
- ascii (use for .html .txt .c files)
- binary (use for .gif .jpg .doc .zip files)
- mput *.c
- pwd
- bye

FTP to Pilot Space

C:\> ftp pilot.msu.edu

Connected to pilot. msu.edu.

220 pilot.msu.edu FTP server (Version wu-2.1c(17) Fri Jan 21)

Name (pilot:sparty): sparty

331 Password required for sparty.

Password: [Type in your password. It will not be displayed.]

230 User sparty logged in.

ftp> cd web

ftp> put index.htm

200 PORT command successful.

150 Opening ASCII mode for index.htm (9286 bytes).

226 Transfer complete.

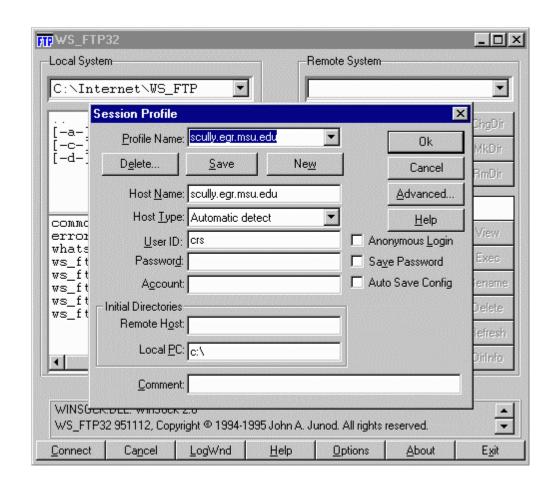
9286 bytes transferred in 0.0724 seconds (133.9 Kbytes/s)

ftp> quit

221 Goodbye.

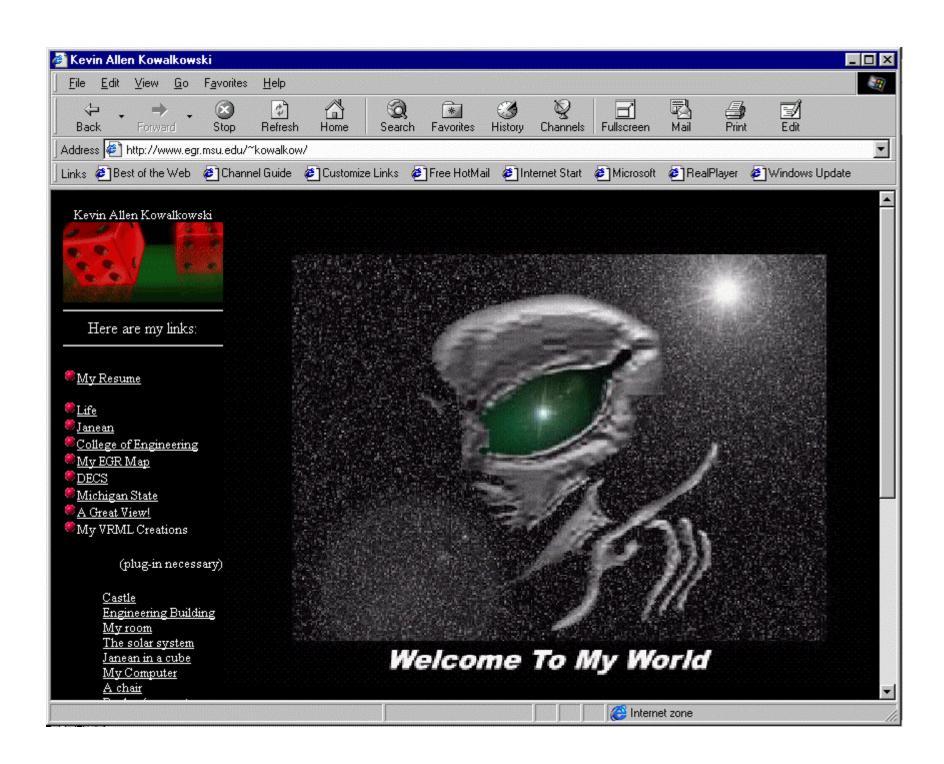
WS_FTP32

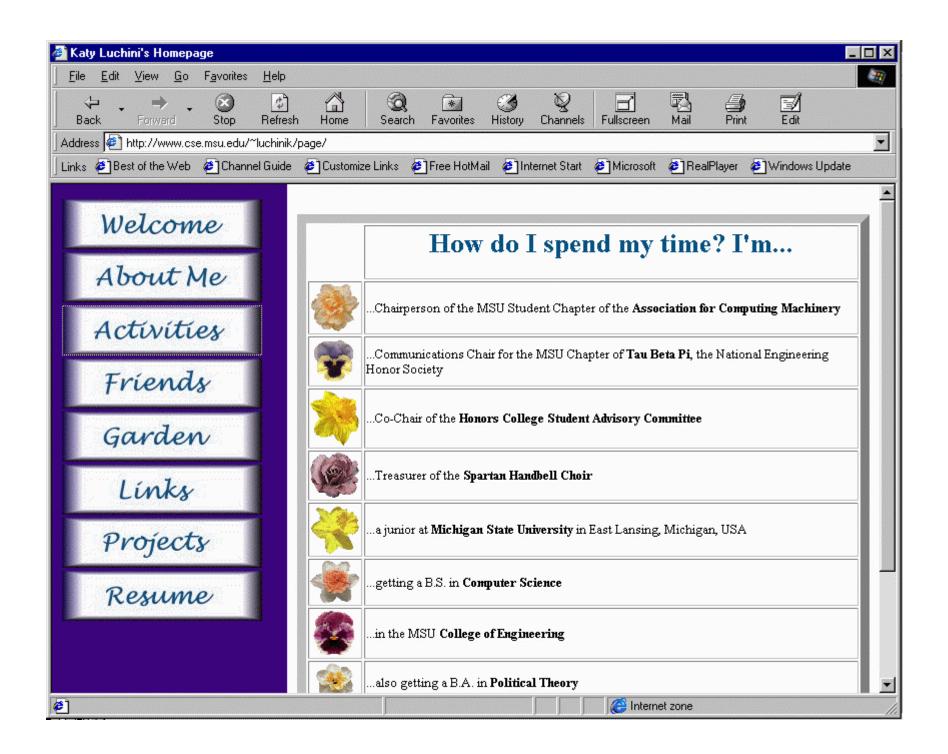
- Full Screen
- Can send an entire directory
- Very convenient



Personal Publishing

- First Web Servers supported "User Pages"
- As many styles of user pages as there are people
 - Serious publications
 - "My Favorite Stuff"
 - My views on whatever
 - Family pictures





Your First Web Page

- Develop your HTML (HyperText Markup Language)
- Upload to the web space (use FTP)
- Test your web page
- There are easier ways to do this but this way will work

Create index.htm

Type this into a file C:\index.htm

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<h1>A Very Simple Home Page</h1>
Welcome to my home page. This page is just a test to see if I can actually get something to upload. Here is <a href="http://www.msu.edu/"> MSU! </a>
This page is under construction
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FTP to Pilot Space

• Start | Run | ftp pilot.msu.edu | OK

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View Your New Page!

- Test the page using your browser
 - http://www.msu.edu/user/sparty/



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actually get something to upload. Here is MSU!

Document: Done

This page is under construction

Publishing Pages

- Your web site will consist of more than just one file
 - Multiple html files
 - Images (*.jpg, *.gif)
 - Subdirectories
- We will cover this in more detail

The "web" Subdirectory

- Typically you have a home directory on each system for your files
 - /afs/msu/user/c/r/crs
 - /user/crs
 - /home/uo/crs
- Unless your account is specially setup for web pages only, there is a subdirectory called "web" which is used to store pages

Putting a file on the Web

- To publish a file, you must get the file into your web directory (typically with FTP)
- The name of the file becomes the last part of the URL

/afs/msu/user/c/r/crs/web/crs.gif

http://www.msu.edu/user/crs/crs.gif

Sub-Directories

• Below the web subdirectory, you can create your own directory structure. The directory structure is reflected in the URL.

/afs/msu/user/c/r/crs/web/photos/crsgrad.gif

http://www.msu.edu/user/crs/photos/crsgrad.gif

The index.html (or .htm) File

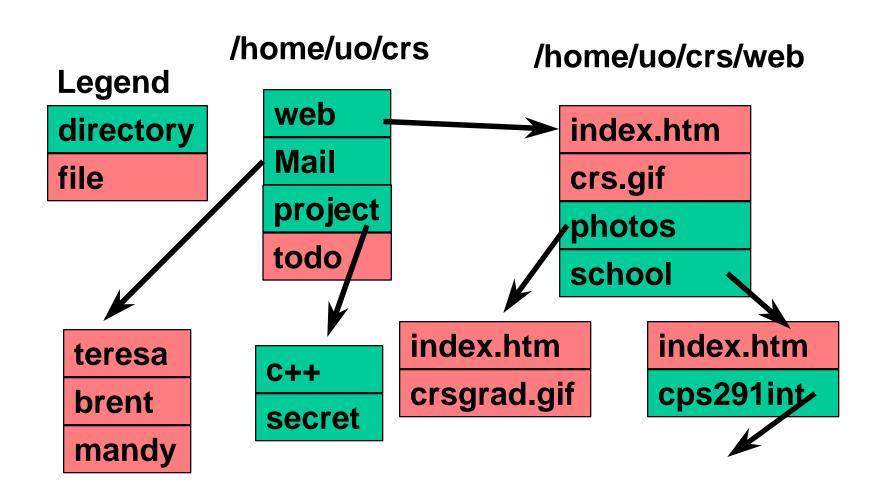
- When you specify a directory in the URL, the web server looks for a *default* file
 - index.html or index.htm on Pilot
 - index.html on CPS and EGR
 - index.htm Windows index.html on UNIX

Added

http://www.msu.edu/user/crs/photos/

/afs/msu/user/c/r/crs/web/photos/index.htm

A Web Structure



HTML Tools

- Converters
 - Microsoft Word
 - Microsoft PowerPoint
- Editors
 - Microsoft Frontpage
 - Netscape Composer
- One-button publishing is possible

Summary

- Fundamental Internet tools
 - Netscape Navigator/Microsoft Explorer
 - telnet
 - ftp
 - HTML
- These tools are a great improvement over the previous tools