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What's New in Version 2.0

New features & Improvements

- + **New search interface in the List pane**, which displays the results while you are still typing the string you want to search.
- + **"FlyTip"**: pointing the mouse cursor to the text which are not fully displayed, *Compass* will pop up a "FlyTip" showing the whole text.
- + **Full support for three file formats: Netscape bookmark file, MSIE favorites, and Compass HotList.** All file I/O, including Open, Save, Import, Merge, Export, Drag-Drop Open, Most Recent Files, support all the three file formats. All file I/O share a single unified user interface (dialog).
- + **Automatically remember the last visited web site.** Open that site automatically (with an option) next time when you run *Compass*.
- + **Merge** from other source files into your file.
- + **Find duplicate URLs** and high-light them.
- + **Customizable List pane columns.**
- + **Support MSIE:** open URL, grab page information, drag & drop links.
- + **Sort sub-folders.**
- + **Put folders in front** when sorting trees.
- + **Remember/Restore folder states** (collapsed or expanded).
- + **More options.**

Bug fixes

- + Fixed the GPF due to saving files containing extra long items. (fixed in version 1.11)
- + Fixed the GPF due to moving empty folders around.
- + Fixed the very rare problem caused by deleting items.

New Tips

- + Right click the header of the List pane to add/delete column. Newly added column will be added at the right most position
- + To change column order, one simple way is deleting all columns, then adding them in the order you want.
- + Click the "Search [000]:" in the List pane to reset the pane.
- + Click the "Duplicate URLs [000]" to reset the List pane after "Find Duplicate URLs."
- + Click the combobox button of the search field to change search options.

What Is *Compass*

Compass 2.0 is a powerful bookmarking system for **both** Netscape bookmark files and Microsoft Internet Explorer favorites. *Compass* has not only a conventional Tree pane for the hierarchical structure of folders, but also a List pane to give you the control of **all** bookmarks as a whole. The specially designed two panes provide you the power and freedom of **working independently** or **tracking both together**, and a familiar interface of Windows Explorer type. *Compass* has been tested and works with Netscape Navigator 2.x, 3.x, 4.x, and Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.x on Windows 95.

Organization power:

Compass offers all kind of sorting, statistics information, file importing, merging, selection exporting, color coded bookmarks, etc. to help you organize your bookmarks. **Three** types of drag & drop operations give you the ultimate power and ease to manipulate the bookmarks. The new search mechanism fulfill your query in a flash.

Communication power:

Compass can dynamically launch your browser, communicate with your browser, and lead you to your favorite site. *Compass* lets you drag links embedded in a web page and drop them into your bookmark pool. Need the control of where new bookmark goes? A single right-click adds the current link to the place you clicked. Want to continue yesterday's surf? No problem, *Compass* starts with that page for you.

For users of Netscape:

Did you feel the bookmark window of Netscape is not convenient for organizing bookmarks? Did you feel you have no control of where the newly added bookmark goes? Did you feel the bookmark descriptions hide themselves? Would you like to have more sorting options, more searching power, more controls, easier access to functions, etc.? *Compass* is here for you.

For users of MSIE:

Have you ever wished to be able to add descriptions to my favorites, to find a favorite faster, to have an easier way to organize your favorites, to clean up seldom visited links, to know how much stuff you have, or to share part of your collection with friends? *Compass* fulfills all you wishes.

For users who use both Netscape and MSIE:

Compass can open/save/import/export/merge both Netscape bookmark files and MSIE favorites. Need to convert file types? Just open file in one type and save it in another type. Want to merge different file types, or extract just part of files? No problem, *Compass* do them all.

History

Version 2.01: (6/8/1997)

Bug fix

- + Fixed the problem that v.2.0 requires new version (v.4.7) of comctl32.dll. This release (v.2.01) runs on both standard version (v.4.0) and new version (v.4.7) of comctl32.dll.

Version 2.0: (6/5/1997)

Please see [What's New](#).

Version 1.11: (4/12/1997)

This version was not released to the public. It was distributed directly from the author only.

Bug fix

- + Fixed the GPF when saving bookmarks containing extra long items.

Version 1.1: (2/24/1997)

New features & Improvements

- + Drag & drop any links from Netscape (3.x and 4.x).
- + New command: "New Browser."
- + Full support for standard keyboard interface.
- + New option: "Open last file on startup."
- + New option: "Run Netscape on startup."
- + New option: "Create backup when saving."
- + Command line open file.
- + Accept drop file to open.
- + "Import HotList" can handle files contain both HotList data and normal text.
- + All found items are made visible when doing "Select All" in "Find."
- + In Edit pane, normal cut, copy and paste can be accessed from shortcut keys, toolbar icons, or right-click menu (context menu.)
- + "Collapse other folders" reacts immediately.
- + Context sensitive help.
- + Automatically find the location of Netscape.
- + Drag-drop doesn't affect the internal memory of *Compass* for copy-paste.

Bug fixes

- + Fixed the problem not able to open or save files which contain very long lines.
- + Fixed the possible memory leak after reading unexpected format.
- + Fixed the problem not able to handle more than 10 levels.
- + Fixed that "Find" didn't work properly if focus was in Edit pane.
- + Fixed: When "Collapse other folders" was checked, users couldn't see all selected items if the items were in different folders.
- + Fixed: Tree pane and List pane didn't handle keyboard input properly.
- + Fixed: "In-label edit" failed to set modified flag.

Version 1.0: (1/31/1997)

Features of the original release

- + Color coded bookmarks.
- + All kinds of sorting.
- + Various statistics.
- + Import / Export HotList.
- + Call Netscape directly to open a URL.

- + Grab information from Netscape when adding new bookmarks.
- + Flexible dropping mode: "Into" or "Onto" folders.
- + Alt-drag-drop to switch between "Into" and "Onto" modes.
- + Three panes (Tree, List, and Edit) to display information.
- + Keypad "*" to expand all folders.
- + Support standard multiple selection: Shift-click and Ctrl-click.
- + Extended clickable area for mouse operation.
- + Auto-scrolling when drag & drop.
- + Easy description editing.
- + In-label editing.
- + Sort bookmarks by clicking column labels in List pane.
- + Double click on column dividers to automatically fit the width.
- + Copy URL(s) to clipboard for pasting to other applications.
- + Drag & drop between List and Tree panes.
- + Standard drag-drop to move items.
- + Standard Ctrl-drag-drop to copy items.
- + Find, Find next, and Select all.
- + Right click for a handy menu (context menu).
- + Informative status bar.
- + Handy tool bar.

FAQ

- + [How much does it cost to register?](#) *[new]*
- + [What's the difference between \[Import\] and \[Merge From\]?](#) *[new]*
- + [How do I open a backup file?](#) *[new]*
- + [Why are reading and writing in Favorites format slow?](#) *[new]*
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- + [How do I change the color of bookmarks?](#)
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- + [How do I expand all folders?](#)
- + [How do I invoke Netscape from *Compass*?](#)
- + [How do I add a bookmark \(link\) while running Netscape?](#)
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- + [Why sometimes multiple selection doesn't work in Tree pane?](#)

Q: [How much does it cost to register?](#) *[new]*

A: Single-user license is \$25.00 each. Site licenses are available at lower rate. Please see [Benefits of Registration](#), [How to Register](#), and [License Agreement](#) sections.

Q: [What's the difference between \[Import\] and \[Merge From\]?](#) *[new]*

A: [Import] command imports everything from the source file, and makes a separate folder to store the imported stuff. The advantage is that you won't miss anything from the source file, and because a new separate folder was created, the imported stuff does not mess up your original bookmarks. [Merge From], on the other hand, filter out the URLs which exist in the same folder, or anywhere in the target file. Items added in the same folder as in the source file. New folders are created only when the target file does not have the corresponding folders. It is useful when you have two (or more) similar files and want to synchronize them.

Q: [How do I open a backup file?](#) *[new]*

A: Backup files have special file names ending with “.bak”, e.g. “bookmark.htm.bak”, “favorites.bak”, “hotlist.txt.bak.” The simplest way to open a backup file is just dragging that file and dropping it on *Compass* (icon or running window). If you wish, you could use the [Open] command, set the file type to “All Files”, and select the appropriate file name.

Q: [Why are reading and writing in Favorites format slow?](#) *[new]*

A: MSIE stores every single favorite link as a file. If you have 500 favorites, reading or writing them will involve 500 times of file opening and closing. That is a very time consuming task.

Q: [How do you normally use *Compass*?](#)

A: Normally, on *Compass* side, I enable “Run Netscape on startup” and “Open last file. On Netscape side, I just set bookmark file to a dummy file, so Netscape won't interfere in my work on the real bookmark file. Whenever I want to surf the web, all I need to do is just a click on *Compass*, and then my bookmark file is opened, Netscape is running, and I needn't to worry any conflict between my real bookmark file and the dummy bookmark file.

Q: [How do I change the color of bookmarks?](#)

A: You can set the “Bookmark color period” in the Preferences dialog. If you surf the web very often,

you might want smaller values, say 2 weeks, for the color period. If you visit the web just once in a while, you might want bigger values, say 12 weeks. The default value is 8 weeks. See also [Color codes](#) and [Base time period](#).

Q: How do I delete obsolete bookmarks?

A: In the List pane, click the "Last Visit" column header, then bookmarks are sorted by last visited date and time. The obsolete bookmarks, colored by white or purple, are at the bottom portion of list. You could multiple-select and delete them.

Q: How do I sort bookmarks?

A: You could sort bookmarks either in Tree pane or in List pane. However, to make real change, you should do the sorting in Tree pane: Select the folders (not bookmarks) you want to sort, then choose the sorting method either from Edit menu or from Context menu (right-click). *Compass* will sort all items (one level deep) in the folders you selected.

Q: How do I expand all folders?

A: Simply select the main folder in Tree pane, then hit keypad '*'.

Q: How do I invoke Netscape from *Compass*?

A: Select a link you want to go, then click "Go" or "New Browser" from Info menu, Context menu (right-click), or Tool bar. If you have checked "Double click to Go" in the Preferences dialog, then you can just double-click the link. If Netscape is not running, *Compass* will run it. If *Compass* couldn't find Netscape, a dialog will show up to let you tell *Compass* where Netscape is located.

Q: How do I add a bookmark (link) while running Netscape?

A: *Compass* supports the drag & drop technology that Netscape 3.x and 4.x use. So, if you are running Netscape 3.x or 4.x, the simplest way to add a bookmark is to drag a link, which could be any links in a web page, from Netscape and drop it in *Compass* Tree pane. For Netscape 2.x users, first select a position in Tree pane where you want the new bookmark be, then simply click "Add" from Tool bar, Edit menu, or Context menu (right-click). *Compass* will grab Title and URL information from Netscape, and show a dialog where you could add description to the link.

Q: How do I change the position of folders?

A: When you drag and drop items over a folder, the default action is to drop items into the folder. You could change the default action by clicking "Onto" icon in the Tool bar, or unchecking "Drop into folder by default" in the Preferences dialog. If you just want temporarily change the action, you can press and hold [Alt] key when dropping items.

Q: How do I know what many bookmarks in a folder?

A: Just select that folder, and *Compass* will tell you the answer in the status bar.

Q: What is the format of HotList which *Compass* can import from?

A: A plain ASCII file. For each line in the file, *Compass* will interpret text between '<' and '>' as a URL, and everything after '>[space]' as the title for that URL. See also [HotList](#).

Q: What is the appropriate way to save changes to file?

A: The problem happens only when both *Compass* and Netscape are running. Because both of them read in bookmarks only once, they don't know how the bookmarks are changed by the other program. To make things simple, manipulate bookmarks only in one program, and close that program later than close the other one. See also [How do you normally use *Compass*?](#)

Q: How come sometimes I can't add or paste items?

A: The Add and Paste functions are enabled only when you are in Tree pane AND only one item is selected, because *Compass* need to know where you want add or paste.

Q: Why sometimes multiple selection doesn't work in Tree pane?

A: Multiple selection is always available in both Tree and List pane. The reason you think it doesn't work in Tree pane is because Tree pane is implemented with "smart selection" logic. So, it is working; just looks not.

Menu

File

- + New (Ctrl+N): Create a new file.
- + Open (Ctrl+O): Open a Netscape bookmark file, MSIE favorites directory, or *Compass HotList*.
- + Save (Ctrl+S): Save the current file.
- + Save As: Save the current file in a different format or a different file name.
- + **Import**: Import bookmarks from a Netscape bookmark file, MSIE favorites directory, or *Compass HotList*. A new folder will be generated and have all imported stuff in it.
- + **Merge From**: Merge bookmarks from a Netscape bookmark file, MSIE favorites directory, or *Compass HotList* into the current file. Only new bookmarks will be added and put in the same folder as in the source file.
- + **Export Selection**: Export the selected bookmarks to a Netscape bookmark file, MSIE favorites directory, or *Compass HotList*.

- + **Preferences**:
 - + **General**:
 - + **Create backup when saving**: Backup file name will be the current file name (including the extension) + “.bak”. Default = on.
 - + **Double-click to Go**: Check this option if you want double-click to invoke the browser. Default = on.
 - + **Folders in front when sorting**: Default = on.
 - + **Sort sub-folders**: Default = on.
 - + **Skip duplicate URLs when merging**: The logic of merging process is “folder-centric.” A bookmark is considered to should be added if it is not found in the same folder in both source and target files. With this option on, you can prevent bookmarks being added if they are found in other folders. Default = on.
 - + **Pop up dialog when adding bookmarks from browsers**: If browsers are running, *Compass* will automatically grab necessary information from the browser when you add bookmarks. Enable this option if you want to do some extra editing. Default = on.
 - + **Enable FlyTip**: FlyTip Default = on.
 - + **FlyTip delay time**: mouse cursor has to stay still for this much of time before a FlyTip pops up. Default = 3. (0.3 sec)
 - + **Bookmark color period**: Set the base time period for color coding bookmarks. Default = 8.

 - + **Browser**:
 - + **Netscape**: Netscape Navigator.
 - + **MSIE**: Microsoft Internet Explorer.
 - + **Default browser**: This setting takes effect only when none of the browsers are running. If either one is running, *Compass* will always communicate with the running browser and ignore this setting.

 - + **Start**:
 - + **Run browser**: Automatically run a browser when you run *Compass*. Default = off.
 - + **Open last URL**: Automatically open the last visited URL when you run *Compass*. Default = off.
 - + **Open last file**: Automatically open the last file when you run *Compass*. Default = on.
 - + **Restore folder states**: (Like Netscape) Default = on.

 - + **Exit**:
 - + **Save settings**: Default = on.
 - + **Save last URL**: Default = on.
 - + **Save file**: Automatically save changes (no dialog pops up). Default = off.
 - + **Save folder states**: (Like Netscape) Default = on.

- + Exit: Exit *Compass*.

Edit

- + **Sort**: Sort items by various ways. '+' means ascending; '-' means descending. In List pane, this action shows results only for your information, and doesn't make real change to the file. In Tree pane, this action **sort items in all the selected folders**, and make real change to the folders.
 - + by Title +.
 - + by Title -.
 - + by URL +.
 - + by URL -.
 - + by Last Visit +.
 - + by Last Visit -.
 - + by Folder +: Not available in Tree pane.
 - + by Folder -: Not available in Tree pane.
- + **Edit Item (F2)**: Edit the selected item (bookmark or folder.)
- + **Cut (Ctrl+X)**: Delete selected items, and put them in the memory of *Compass*. Also copy the URL's to clipboard.
- + **Copy (Ctrl+C)**: Put selected items in the memory of *Compass*. Also copy the URL's to clipboard.
- + **Paste (Ctrl+V)**: Paste items from the memory of *Compass*. It's available only in Tree pane.
- + **Add (Ins)**: Add a new item (bookmark, folder, or separator.) It's available only in Tree pane.
- + **Delete (Del)**: Delete the selected items.

Info

- + **Go (F5)**: Invoke a browser and go to the link you selected.
- + **New Browser (F6)**: Open the selected link with a new browser window.
- + **Find Duplicate URLs (Ctrl+D)**: and high-light extra copies.
- + **Find in Other Pane**: Find the selected items in the other pane (Tree or List).
- + **Track Both Panes**: Track selected items in both Tree and List pane.

Help

- + Contents
- + **How to Register**: Instruction for Order/Register process.
- + **Order Online**: Go to the secure order form online to order a license.
- + **Check Updates**: Go to the author's web page for update information.
- + **Contact the Author**: Send e-mail to the author. With your User ID automatically filled in the subject.
- + **About *Compass***: Validate/Register your copy from here.

Context Menu (right-click mouse button)

- + Add (Ins)
- + New Browser (F6)
- + Go (F5)
- + Expand All: Expand all folders in the Tree pane.
- + Sort
- + Edit Item (F2)
- + Preferences
- + Cut (Ctrl+X)
- + Copy (Ctrl+C)
- + Paste (Ctrl+V)
- + Delete (Del)

Toolbar

For detailed description, please see [Menu](#) section.

- + Open (Ctrl+O)
- + Save (Ctrl+S)
- + Add (Ins)
- + Delete (Del)
- + Edit (F2)
- + [Collapse other folders](#): Check this option if you want *Compass* to open only the necessary folders.
- + [Drop into folders](#): Check this option if you want the default action of Add, Paste, and Drop on a folder is to put items Into the folder.
- + [Go \(F5\)](#)
- + [New Browser \(F6\)](#)
- + Cut (Ctrl+X)
- + Copy (Ctrl+C)
- + Paste (Ctrl+V)
- + [Find in Other Pane](#)
- + [Track Both Panes](#)
- + Help Contents

Tree Pane

The Tree pane (on the left) shows the whole bookmark file, including folder structure and bookmarks themselves. It is so implemented that the whole client area is “clickable”. Also, it has “smart selection” coded. Tree pane accepts the following manipulation:

Mouse

- + Click: to select a single item, or to start “in-label editing” if the item has been selected.
- + Shift-click: to select a range of items.
- + Ctrl-click: to toggle selected or non-selected states.
- + Double-click: to edit an item or invoke Netscape and open the link.
- + Right-click: to invoke the Context menu.
- + Drag-drop: to move selected items.
- + Ctrl-drag-drop: to copy selected items.
- + Alt-drag-drop: to toggle “drop into folder” or “drop onto folder”.

Keyboard

- + Keypad '*': to expand all folders underneath the selected folders.
- + Keypad '+': to expand the selected folders.
- + Keypad '-': to collapse the selected folders.
- + [Insert] key: to add a new item.
- + [Delete] key: to delete selected items.
- + [Enter]: acts the same way as double-click does.
- + [Tab]: to switch to List pane.
- + [Letter keys]: to jump to the item starting with the letter.
- + [Home, End]: to jump to the head or tail item.
- + [Page Up, Down]: to move the selection a page up or down.
- + [Up, Down]: to move the selection up or down.
- + [Left, Right]: to scroll the Tree window left or right.

List Pane

The List pane (on the right top) shows only bookmarks. It is meant to be an index or statistics show box. It is so implemented that the whole client area is “clickable”. List pane accepts the following manipulation:

Search Bar

- + Click the **label button** to reset.
- + Click the **combobox button** to change search option.

Column Header

- + **Right-Click**: to bring up a menu for adding or deleting columns.
- + **Click**: to sort bookmarks by the column, either ascending or descending.
- + **Double-click on the column dividers**: to automatically adjust the width of column.

Mouse

- + Click: to select a single item, or to start “**in-label editing**” if the item has been selected.
- + Shift-click: to select a range of items.
- + Ctrl-click: to toggle selected or non-selected states.
- + Double-click: to edit an item or invoke Netscape and open the link.
- + Right-click: to invoke the Context menu.
- + Drag: to move selected items (drop in Tree pane).
- + Ctrl-drag: to copy selected items (ctrl-drop in Tree pane).
- + **Alt-drag**: to toggle “drop into folder” or “drop onto folder” (alt-drop in Tree pane).

Keyboard

- + **[Insert] key**: to add a new item.
- + **[Delete] key**: to delete selected items.
- + **[Tab]**: to switch to Tree pane.
- + **[Letter keys]**: to jump to the item starting with the letter.
- + **[Home, End]**: to jump to the head or tail item.
- + **[Page Up, Down]**: to move the selection a page up or down.
- + **[Up, Down]**: to move the selection up or down.
- + **[Left, Right]**: to scroll the Tree window left or right.

Edit Pane

The Edit pane (on the right bottom) is a convenient place to edit the descriptions of bookmarks or folders. After you're done with editing and switch to other panes, *Compass* will remember the content automatically.

Compass display the description of bookmarks or folders you select (either in Tree pane or in List pane) whenever it is available. If you select more than one item, or "separators", *Compass* will display "<<no suitable selection>>" in Edit pane.

Description is not always available for different type of file formats. The Netscape Bookmark file format has the largest capacity to store description information. The MSIE Favorites format does not provide description capacity. However, with the help of *Compass*, you can store description for favorite links, but not for folders. The *Compass* HotList format is just a plain list, which has information of only URLs and titles.

Keyboard

Compass has full support for keyboard interface. The following is an alphabetical list of shortcut keys available in *Compass*. For detailed description, please see [Menu](#) section.

Tree pane keyboard interface

List pane keyboard interface

Shortcuts

- + Ctrl+C Edit::Copy.
- + Ctrl+D Info::Find Duplicate URLs.
- + Ctrl+N File::New.
- + Ctrl+O File::Open.
- + Ctrl+S File::Save.
- + Ctrl+V Edit::Paste.
- + Ctrl+X Edit::Cut.
- + Del Edit::Delete.
- + F1 Context sensitive help
- + F2 Edit::Edit Item.
- + F5 Info::Go.
- + F6 Info::New Browser.
- + Ins Edit::Add.

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 - b. No money is charged to the person receiving the software, beyond reasonable cost of packaging and other overhead.

How to Register

For single users, registration consists two steps:

1. [Order a license](#), and you will receive a license number for your computer.
2. Enter the license number to [validate](#) your copy of *Compass*.

If you order a site license, you will receive a “site-licensed” version of *Compass*. The site-licensed version will validate itself, so you need not to enter any numbers.

See also [License Agreement](#), and [Benefits of Registration](#).

Order a License

If you have ordered a license and received the license number, you are ready to validate your copy of *Compass*. See also How to Register and Benefits of Registration.

Order by check or money order:

Step 1: Print and fill the order form, or edit and print the file "order.txt".

Step 2: Send the filled order form along with a check or money order drawn on a US bank and payable to Daniel Liu to:

Daniel Liu
1104 Linden St. #104
Riverside, CA 92507
USA

Order by credit card:

Method 1 - Order online:

Visit the following web site for secure order:

https://www.pslweb.com/cgi-win/psl_orde.exe/ITEM30127

Method 2 - E-mail:

Edit and fill the file "order.txt", then e-mail it to **30127@pslweb.com**

Method 3 - Fax:

Print and fill the order form, then fax to **(713) 524-6398**

Method 4 - Mail:

Print and fill the order form, then send to

PsL
P.O.Box 35705
Houston, TX 77235-5705
USA

The above numbers or addresses are for ORDERS ONLY. To check on the status of your order, please contact the author directly.

The credit card orders are handled by Public software Library (PsL). PsL will notify the author within one business day of your order and the author will send either a license number or a site-licensed version of the software directly to you.

Thank you for your order. If you have any questions, please contact the author directly.

Validate Your Copy

To validate your copy of *Compass*, first you need to order a license. Once you receive the license number for your computer, follow the steps below to validate your copy:

1. Bring up the “About Compass” dialog from the Help menu.
2. Make sure the User ID is **exactly** the same as the one you used to order the license.
3. Enter the license number **exactly** the same as the one you received. Be careful not to put any leading or trailing white spaces.
4. Click the [Register] button.
5. Congratulations, you are all done.
6. If something went wrong, double check the User ID and License number. Any typos could cause problems. If you still cannot work it out, please contact the author by choosing “Contact the Author” menu item from the Help menu. The author will get back to you as soon as he gets the message.

Benefits of Registration

The shareware copy is fully functional in the first 30 days of use. After 30 days, if this copy is still unregistered, some functions might be disabled until the user [registers](#) . The following summarize the benefits for a registered user:

- + No functions will be disabled.
- + No reminder windows any more.
- + Free minor upgrades (2.x).
- + Special discount on major upgrades.
- + Special discount on other shareware written by [the author](#).
- + Free and prompt technical support directly from [the author](#) via e-mail.
- + Being added in the mailing list for practical tips, new FAQs, bugs and fixes, update information, etc.

See also: [Order a License](#) and [How to Register](#).

Compass 2.0 Order Form (PsL #30127)

Order Information

	Quantity	Unit Price (USD)	Subtotal
Single-User License	_____	x \$25.00	_____
Site Licenses	Number of users		
10-39 users/computers	_____	x \$20.00	_____
40+ users/computers	_____	x \$15.00	_____
<i>All shipment will be made by e-mail. If you prefer other methods, please check:</i>			
___ Single-user license number(s) by postal mail: add \$1.00			_____
___ Site-licensed program on 3.5" diskette (U.S./Canada): add \$3.00			_____
___ Site-licensed program on 3.5" diskette (International): add \$5.00			_____
		TOTAL	_____

Customer Information

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Country _____ Phone # _____

E-mail _____

For Single-User License ONLY: (User ID can be found in the About Compass dialog)

(Sample) 76584-OEM-9483756-14284	User ID # 5	_____
User ID # 1	User ID # 6	_____
User ID # 2	User ID # 7	_____
User ID # 3	User ID # 8	_____
User ID # 4	User ID # 9	_____

Payment Information

___ **Check or Money Order:** Send your order along with a check or money order, drawn on a US bank and payable to Daniel Liu, to

Daniel Liu
1104 Linden St. #104
Riverside, CA 92507
USA

___ **Credit Card:** ___ MC ___ VISA ___ Amex ___ Discover

Name on the card _____

Card number _____

Expiration (mm/yy) _____

Send your order by either of the following ways:

Fax (US): (713) 524-6398
Mail: PsL, P.O.Box 35705, Houston, TX 77235-5705, USA

One way of doing that is to make *Compass* downloadable from your home page (if you have a home page). Or, just tell other people.

Simply click "Contact Author" from the "Help" menu.

Bug Reports/Comments

Compass has been extensively tested before released. However, having bugs is life. If you find any bugs, please notify the author at **danliu@pacbell.net**. Also, if possible, please describe in detail how to reproduce the bugs.

Any comments are welcome. The author would like to hear from you.

[The author appreciates your bug reports, comments, suggestion, etc.](#)

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The **HotList Compass** generates is a plain ASCII file. Each line in the list has the format of “<url> title”. HotList is convenient for distribution of your favorite links.

Compass **color-codes** bookmarks according to the last visit time and the base time period (BTP).
There are five colors used in *Compass*:



visited within 1 BTP.



visited within 2 BTP.



visited within 3 BTP.



visited within 4 BTP.



never visited.

Base time period is used by *Compass* to determine how to color bookmarks. If you surf the web very often, you might want smaller values, say 2 weeks. On the other hand, if you visit the web just once in a while, you might want bigger values, say 12 weeks. The default value is 8 weeks. The acceptable values is from 1 to 15 weeks.

Smart selection is a way to auto- select or deselect items in Tree pane. If a folder is selected, all items in this folder is implicitly selected (auto-select). If some items in this folder has been selected before the folder is selected, these items will be deselected (auto-deselect) because of redundant selection.

Merge: A bookmark is considered to should be added if it is not found in the same folder in both source and target files. This porcess will keep the hierarchical structure of the target file sync with that of the source file.

FlyTip: is a small popup window showing the whole text which were obscured by something else.

