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## What is Gopher+ ?

A Gopher is an [Internet](#)-based file retrieval system.

Gopher+ is an application that uses the [Gopher plus protocol](#) to communicate with [Gopher servers](#) on the Internet. Gopher+ first connects to a Gopher server, and then displays a menu of [Gopher items](#) for you to choose from.

Gopher items can be many different types of files. Retrieving an item may take you to a subdirectory, another Gopher server, or some type of file that you can use. These files may consist of text, graphics, sounds, or even video. They might even be [Telnet](#) connections, or allow searches of large collections of documents.

When you select a file, Gopher+ automatically starts the correct viewer application to display that file. This means that if you copy a text file, Gopher+ starts up the configured text editor that you have on your PC. If you copy a graphics file, Gopher+ starts the correct image viewer to display that file. You configure viewers for Gopher+ from the Options menu.

Finding the information you want may require you to explore [Gopherspace](#). This may involve switching among many different Gopher servers. To find your way back, Gopher+ allows you to set bookmarks. Bookmarks specify Gopher items that you marked. You can click a bookmark to return to an item. Gopher+ saves these bookmarks in a [bookmark file](#).

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## What is a Gopher Item?

The types of information that you can retrieve from a Gopher server (computers on the Internet that the Gopher+ application connects to for Gopher services). These items can be files of different types, directories, connections to other Gopher servers, Telnet connections, or searches of a collection of documents.

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## What is Gopherspace?

The collection of all Gopher servers on the Internet. Anything that you can access via a Gopher application exists in Gopherspace.

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## What is the Gopher+ Protocol?

Gopher servers originally used the Gopher protocol to communicate. Some Gopher servers use the improved Gopher plus protocol.

The Gopher plus protocol supports attributes. Attributes provide Gopher+ with information about the file format before you retrieve the file. This feature lets Gopher start the correct viewer when the file is retrieved.

Gopher items that have attributes that have not yet been retrieved appear with the plus symbol  next to them. Click and hold on the symbol and release on the Fetch Attributes box that appears to retrieve the attributes.

Gopher items that have attributes that have already been retrieved appear with the multiview symbol  to their left. To see a list of information you can get on the item, click and hold the mouse button on the  multiview symbol. Release on an item to retrieve that information.

### Related Topics

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## The Gopher+ Main Window

The main viewing area displays a menu (sometimes called a directory) of Gopher items that you can access. The title bar indicates which Gopher server menu Gopher+ is presently displaying. The menu and tool bars provide the Gopher+ commands. A section of the tool bar also displays the status of any connections in progress.

Each Gopher item has one or more symbols that indicate the item type and has text describing the item. Double-click on the text for Gopher+ to retrieve that item for you. If the connection is successful, a new menu of Gopher items appears.

Use the following buttons and commands to navigate with Gopher+:

### To go to

Your Home Gopher server

--or--

The previous directory

--or--

The next directory

--or--

The current Bookmark file

--or--

The right mouse button

--or--

### Choose

The Home Button 

Go Home from the Navigate menu.

The Previous arrow button 

Previous Menu from the Navigate menu.

The Next arrow button 

Next Menu from the Navigate menu.

The World button 

Show Bookmarks from the Bookmarks menu.

### Related Topics

[File Menu Commands](#)

[Options Menu Commands](#)

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## The Gopher+ Tool Bar

Use the buttons on the Gopher+ tool bar to accomplish tasks quickly.

### Use this button

### To do this



Switch to the current bookmark file.



Choose the copy mode that Gopher+ uses when it transfers items to your PC. You can specify that Gopher+ display items, copy items to a file, or copy items to a directory.



Go to your Home Gopher server.



Go to the next open Gopher menu.



Go to the previous open Gopher menu.

### Related Topics

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[Gopher+ Symbols](#)






















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## Gopher+ Symbols

The following symbols are used in Gopher+:

-  The eyeglasses symbol represents a text Gopher item.
-  The binary symbol represents a Gopher item with the Gopher base type File.
-  The musical note symbol represents an audio Gopher item.
-  The CSO symbol represents a connection to a CSO server that provides a directory for a site.
-  The camera symbol represents an image file Gopher item.
-  The book pointer symbol represents an index Gopher item.
-  The film symbol represents a movie file Gopher item.
-  The H symbol represents a document that contains hypertext links.
-  The bullet symbol indicates this is an information line and not a Gopher item.
-  The computer terminal symbol represents a Gopher item that is a Telnet connection.
-  The IBM terminal symbol represents a Gopher item that is a TN3270 remote login connection.
-  The forward arrow symbol represents proceeding to the next Gopher directory or menu.
-  The backward arrow symbol represents returning to the previous Gopher directory.
-  The house symbol takes you to your Home Gopher server.
-  The question mark symbol represents an item that is unrecognizable to Gopher+.
-  The plus symbol represents a Gopher item using the Gopher plus protocol, whose attributes Gopher+ has not retrieved.
-  The multiview symbol represents a Gopher item that has one or more formats for viewing (from Gopher servers using the Gopher plus protocol only). Clicking this symbol provides information about the file.
-  This symbol represents a connection to a server.
-  The eye symbol indicates that Gopher+ retrieves items for you to view on your monitor.
-  The folder symbol indicates that Gopher+ retrieves and saves items directly to a file.
-  The open folder symbol indicates that Gopher+ retrieves and saves items to a directory.

### Related Topics


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## Abort a Connection

### To abort a connection

1. Choose the connection button  for the connection you want to abort, or choose Abort from the File menu.

The Transfer Terminate dialog box opens.

2. Choose Abort to end the transfer and lose the data already received.

--or--

Choose End to end the transfer and view the data received so far.

### Related Topics

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[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)  
[Concepts](#)

## Configure Gopher+

You can configure Gopher+ by choosing Configure Gopher+ from the Options menu.

Use the Gopher+ Set Up Options dialog box to customize the settings that Gopher+ uses when you start the application.

Use your right mouse button to display popup help topics about what each box in the Gopher+ Set Up Options dialog box does.

### Related Topics

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## What are Viewers?

Use the Viewer dialog box to configure the viewers that you use with Gopher+. A viewer application processes a file that Gopher+ retrieves for you. An image or text viewer displays information. A sound viewer plays an audio file. Some viewers perform background processing for you; for example, decompressing compressed files.

You must set up Gopher+ to use the viewers you want after retrieving different file types, such as [ASCII](#), [binary](#), and so forth. Gopher+ provides settings for several viewer applications. For these viewers, selecting an item under Select View Types displays the application settings in the Viewer Details and the Transfer Modes boxes.

You can configure viewers by choosing Configure Viewers from the Options menu.

### Related Topics

[Configuring Viewers](#)

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## Configure Viewers

1. From the Options menu, choose Configure Viewers.
2. From the Select View Type list box, select a view type.  
If the view type already has a viewer associated with it, the parameters appear in the Viewer Details box.
3. Enter or change the parameters in the Viewer Details box:

Viewer  
Working Directory  
Extension Guesses  
Save Extension  
Disabled  
Slow weight  
Fast weight

4. In the Transfer Mode box, select either Binary or ASCII to designate the mode for retrieving files of this view type.

### To add a new view type

1. Choose the Add New View Type button.  
The Add a New View Type dialog box appears.
2. Enter a file type.
3. Choose OK.
4. Set up the viewer for the new view type.

### Related Topic

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## Display Your Connection History

Exploring [Gopherspace](#) often involves connecting to several different servers and directories. Use the Navigate menu to find your way back to directories or [Gopher servers](#) that you accessed since you started Gopher+.

### To display your connection history

1. From the Navigate menu, choose Show History.

A Gopher menu of servers and directories that you have connected to in this session appears.

2. To reconnect to an item, double-click that item in the menu.

**--or--**

To return to the previous menu, click the Previous button in the tool bar.

### Related Topic

[Displaying Your Bookmark History](#)

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## Display Your Bookmark History

Use the Show Bookmark History command to display a list of the Bookmarks you have used during this connection.

### To display your bookmark history

From the Bookmarks menu, choose Show Bookmark History.

A Gopher menu of the bookmark menus you used during this connection appears.

### Related Topic

[Displaying Your Connection History](#)

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## Learn about a Gopher Item

You can find information about a gopher item before copying the entire file by fetching Gopher plus attributes.


### To fetch Gopher+ attributes

1. Press and hold the mouse button on the plus symbol .
2. A popup menu appears.  
Select the Fetch Attributes option.  
After Gopher+ retrieves the attributes, the symbol changes to .

Types of attribute information may include an abstract about the item, the size of the file, and the different formats that the file is offered in.

Text files might be available in format such as ASCII, or PostScript, and may also be available in more than one language. Graphic files might be available in formats such as .GIF (graphical image files).

### To use Gopher plus attributes

1. Press and hold the mouse button on .
2. A popup menu appears.  
Release the mouse button on the attribute you want to retrieve.

### Related Topic

[Getting Gopher Item and Server Information](#)

[What are Gopher+ Attributes?](#)

[Fetching Gopher Items in Different File Formats](#)

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## Fetch a Gopher Item

### To retrieve a Gopher item

Double-click the text of the item with the mouse. This action is the quickest way to choose an item from the Gopher menu.

--or--

Select the text of the item with the mouse, and choose Fetch from the Navigate menu.

Gopher+ can retrieve different types of Gopher items. If you select a file or directory that is stored on the Gopher server that your client is currently connected to, Gopher+ gets that item. If you select a menu item that is a pointer to another Gopher server, Gopher+ attempts to connect to that server.

### Related Topics

[Aborting a Connection](#)

[Fetching a Gopher Item Directly to a File or Directory](#)

[Introducing Gopher+](#)

[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)

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## What are Preferred File Formats?

When a file is available in multiple formats on a [Gopher server](#) using the [Gopher plus protocol](#), you can set up Gopher+ to retrieve the file format you prefer. Do this by assigning different [weights](#) to different types of files. When Gopher+ can retrieve a file in more than one format, it fetches the file with the highest assigned weight.

For example, if you want a .JPG version of a graphics file rather than a .GIF version, you give the .JPG viewer a higher weight in the Viewer dialog box.

In addition, you can specify what type of format to retrieve when you are connected to a server that you have classified in the [Servers](#) dialog box as "fast" or "slow."

### Related Topics

[Set a Preferred File Format](#)

[What is the Gopher+ Protocol?](#)

[What are Gopher+ Attributes?](#)

[Introducing Gopher+](#)

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## Set a Preferred File Format

The Gopher+ client can be configured so that when a Gopher server offers a file in more than one file format, Gopher+ automatically fetches the format you prefer.

### To set preferred file formats

1. From the Options menu, choose Configure Viewer.  
The Viewers dialog box appears.
2. In the Select View Type box, select the viewer you prefer most.
3. Click the pointer in the Fast Weight box to the right.  
**--or--**  
Enter a number to represent a weight.
4. To save your changes, choose Accept.
5. For other file formats for the same type of file, set decreasing values for the weight in the order that you prefer those formats.
6. To save your changes, choose Accept.
7. Choose Done.

### Related Topics

[What are Preferred File Formats?](#)

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## Fetch Multiple Gopher Items

You can have up to three Gopher connections at one time. This means that you can retrieve more than one [Gopher item](#) at the same time. You retrieve multiple items at the same time by fetching (retrieving) a new Gopher item while Gopher+ is still in the process of getting another item.

Look at the status section of the tool bar to monitor the state of the transfers. When retrieving multiple Gopher items, the items are displayed when they are finished being copied over the network. After the transfers are complete, use the arrow buttons in the tool bar to move between the retrieved Gopher items.

### Related Topics

[Aborting a Connection](#)

[Use the Gopher+ Tool Bar](#)

[Using the Gopher+ Main Window](#)

[Introducing Gopher+](#)

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[Concepts](#)

## Get Gopher Item and Server Information

The first symbol to the left of a Gopher+ item indicates the type of file it is. It may be a:



directory



text file



graphics image file



sound file



movie file



Telnet connection

or others (see Gopher+ Symbols for a complete list).

### To get additional Gopher item information

1. Select the Gopher item you want information about.
2. From the Navigate menu, choose Get Info on Item.

### To find out more information about the server that this item is located on

1. Select a Gopher item on the server you want information on.
2. From the Navigate menu, choose Get Info on Server.

### Related Topics

[Learn about a Gopher Item](#)

[Gopher+ Symbols](#)

[Introducing Gopher+](#)

[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)

[Concepts](#)

## Connect to a Specific Gopher Server

Use the Connect to a Gopher Server dialog box to connect to Gopher servers around the world.

### To connect to a specific Gopher server

1. From the Navigate menu, choose Connect to a Gopher.
2. Enter the Internet address or hostname of the server you want to go to.
3. Choose OK.

### Related Topics

[Introducing Gopher+](#)  
[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)  
[Concepts](#)

## **Print Gopher Menus**

You can print Gopher menus.

### **To print the contents of a Gopher menu**

1. From the File menu, choose Print.  
The Print dialog box appears.
2. Choose OK.

### **Related Topics**

[Introducing Gopher+](#)  
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[Concepts](#)



## What are Bookmarks?

Bookmarks allow you to easily return to a specific menu or file in Gopherspace. When Gopher+ marks an item with a bookmark, it saves the Internet address or hostname of the Gopher server, the port number, the path to the directory or item, and the menu item description.

### Related Topics

[Place a Bookmark](#)

[Display Bookmarks](#)

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[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)

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## Set a Bookmark

1. Select the Gopher item you want to mark.

You can either move to a menu and mark it, or select an item and mark just that item.

2. From the Bookmarks menu, choose Mark Menu.

--or--

From the Bookmarks menu, choose Mark Item.

The new bookmark appears in the currently open bookmark file.

3. Remember to save your new bookmarks before exiting Gopher+. To save bookmarks, choose Save Bookmarks from the Bookmarks menu.

### Related Topics

[Display Bookmarks](#)

[What are Bookmarks?](#)

[Building Bookmark Files](#)

[Bookmarks Menu Commands](#)

[Introducing Gopher+](#)

[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)

[Concepts](#)

## Set Preferred Languages

Use the Languages dialog box to specify the language, or languages, that you want Gopher+ to use when displaying a [Gopher item](#).

When a file is available in multiple languages on a server using the [Gopher plus protocol](#), you can preset the Gopher+ application to display the item in the language you prefer. Assign different [weights](#) to different languages to control the languages used for display. When Gopher+ can retrieve a file in more than one language, it retrieves the file with the highest assigned weight.

For example, say that your native language is German and that your second language is English. Assign a higher weight to German than you do for English. When you fetch a Gopher item that has German text available, the German version is automatically retrieved.

You can set preferred languages by choosing Configure Languages from the Options menu.

### Related Topics

[Introducing Gopher+](#)

[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)

[Concepts](#)

## Set a Preferred Language

The Gopher+ client can be configured so that when a Gopher server offers a file in more than one language, Gopher+ automatically fetches the file you prefer.

### To set your preferred language

1. From the Options menu, choose Configure Languages.
2. In the Select language box, select the language you prefer most.
3. In the Weight box, type an arbitrary number to represent a weight.
4. Choose Accept to save that setting.
5. For other languages, set decreasing values for the weight in the order that you want Gopher+ to retrieve them.
6. When you are finished, choose Done.

### Related Topics

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## Configure Servers for Gopher+

Use the Server dialog box to classify different [Gopher servers](#) that you connect to as either "fast" or "slow." Use this in conjunction with the fast and slow weights you set in the [Viewers](#) dialog box to configure the types of file formats that Gopher+ retrieves.

Note that the fast and slow classifications do not refer to the speed of the machine, but rather to how fast or slow you think the network access to it is.

You configure servers by choosing Tailor by Server from the Options menu.

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## Configure Servers for Gopher+

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Note that the fast and slow classifications do not refer to the speed of the machine, but rather to how fast or slow you think the network access to it is.

### To configure a server

1. Choose Tailor by Server from the Options menu.
2. To add a fast server, choose Add Fast.  
**--or--**  
To add a slow server, choose Add Slow.  
The Add a Server dialog box appears.
3. Enter the Gopher address of the Gopher server you want to classify, for example:  
`gopher.ftp.com`
4. Choose OK.

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[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)  
[Concepts](#)

## Set Fonts

You can change the fonts that Gopher+ uses to display Gopher items, as well as the size, style, and color of the print.

### To change fonts for Gopher item text

1. From the Options menu, choose Fonts.
2. In the Font dialog box, select the font, size, color, and style you want.
3. Choose OK.

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## **Build Bookmark Files**

To help you organize your bookmarks, you can save the bookmarks to different files. When Gopher+ starts, it loads into memory the default bookmark file, which you set in the Gopher+ Set Up dialog box. Anytime you create a new bookmark, it is added to the currently open bookmark file.

### **Related Topics**

[Append a Bookmark File](#)

[Link Bookmark Files](#)

[Load a Bookmark File](#)

[Save a Bookmark File](#)

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## Fetch a Gopher Item Directly to a File or Directory

You can configure Gopher+ to save retrieved [Gopher items](#) directly to a file or a directory. If you set up Gopher+ to copy items to a file, Gopher+ lets you specify a filename when it retrieves an item. If you set up Gopher+ to copy items to a directory, the application assigns a filename and places the file in the directory that you specified under Save to in the Gopher+ Set Up dialog box.

**Note:** Copy to File and Copy to Directory modes have no effect on some Gopher items, such as directories, [Gopher server](#) links, or [Telnet](#) items.

### Related Items

[Change the Copy mode](#)

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## Change the Copy Mode

1. From the Options menu, choose Set Copy Mode.

A sub menu with a list of modes appears.

2. From the sub menu, choose View, Copy to File, or Copy to Directory to select the mode you want.

You can also change modes using the mode icon in the tool bar. The following icons represent the three modes. Click the current icon to change to another mode.

Icon	Mode
	View
	Copy to File
	Copy to Directory

### Related Topics

[Fetch a Gopher Item Directly to a File or Directory](#)

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## Link Bookmark Files

You can organize your [bookmark files](#) by creating [Gopher items](#) that point to different bookmark files.

### To link one bookmark file to another

1. Open the bookmark file that you want to contain the linked Gopher item.
2. From the Bookmarks menu, choose Create Bookmark.  
The Create/Edit Bookmark dialog box appears.
3. From the Type menu, choose Book Mark.
4. In the Create/Edit Bookmark dialog box, choose the Browse button.  
The Open dialog box appears.
5. Select the filename of the Bookmark file you want to link to.
6. Choose OK.
7. In the Description field, enter the text you want to appear as the Gopher item.
8. Choose OK.

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## Save a Gopher Screen as Text

You can save information that you retrieve with Gopher+ as a [text file](#).

### To save a screen of Gopher items as a text file

1. From the File menu, choose Save.  
The Save As dialog box appears.
2. Enter a filename.
3. Choose OK.

You can open this file using any text editor.

### Related Topics

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[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)  
[Concepts](#)

## **Edit a Bookmark**

You can change bookmarks after you create them.

### **To edit a bookmark**

1. Select the Bookmark you want to edit.
2. From the Bookmarks menu, choose Edit Bookmark.  
The Edit Bookmark dialog box appears.
3. Make changes in any of the provided fields.
4. Choose OK.

### **Related Topics**

[Create and Change Bookmarks](#)  
[Save a Bookmark File](#)

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[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)  
[Concepts](#)

## Load a Bookmark File

You can view and use a [bookmark file](#) after you create it.

### To load a bookmark file

1. From the Bookmarks menu, choose Load Bookmarks.  
The Open dialog box appears.
2. Select the bookmark file you want to open.
3. Choose OK.

**Note:** You can open only one bookmark file at one time.

### Related Topic

[Linking Bookmark Files](#)

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## Save a Bookmark File

Anytime that you add new bookmarks to a [bookmark file](#), you must save them before quitting Gopher+.

### To save new bookmarks to the currently open bookmark file

From the Bookmarks menu, choose Save Bookmarks.

### To save a bookmark file with a different filename

1. Make sure the bookmark file you want to save under a new name is open.
2. From the Bookmarks menu, choose Save Bookmarks As.

The Save As dialog box appears.

3. Enter a new filename.
4. Choose OK.

### Related Topics

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## Append a Bookmark File

You can consolidate a [bookmark file](#) by appending one file to the end of another.

### To append one bookmark file to another

1. Open the bookmark file that you want to append another file to.
2. From the Bookmarks menu, choose Append Bookmarks.  
The Open dialog box appears.
3. Select the bookmark file that you want to append to the first file.
4. Choose OK.
5. Save your bookmarks before quitting Gopher+.

### Related Topics

[Create and Change Bookmarks](#)  
[Save a Bookmark File](#)

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## Remove Old Gopher Menus from Memory

Gopher+ keeps a copy of menus that you have accessed for a given amount of time. If you think these menus are out of date, you can delete these copies.

### To delete copies of saved menus

From the Navigate menu, choose Flush Cache.

All menus will then have to be retrieved over the network. The present menu is not in the cache. If you want to refresh the present menu, switch to your Bookmarks menu, choose Flush Cache, and then move back to it.

### Related Topics

[Introducing Gopher+](#)

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## File Menu Commands

Use the File menu to save and print Gopher menus.

<b>Use this command</b>	<b>To do this</b>
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Save	Save a Gopher menu to a <u>text file</u> .
Print	Print a Gopher menu.
Print Extended	Print the current Gopher menu, and include the Gopher item type, the <u>IP address</u> or <u>hostname</u> of the <u>server</u> , and the directory for each Gopher item in the menu.
Print Setup	Set up print options.
Abort	Exit the Gopher+ application without waiting for any outstanding network connections to terminate.
Exit	Exit Gopher+.

### Related Topics

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## Options Menu Commands

Use the Options menu to configure Gopher+.

<b>Use this command</b>	<b>To do this</b>
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Set Copy Mode	Specify how Gopher+ copies <u>items</u> to your PC. The application can display items, copy items to a file, or copy items to a directory.
Configure Gopher+	Configure the application settings that Gopher+ uses at startup.
Configure Viewer	Configure the applications that Gopher+ uses to display different types of files.
Configure Languages	Set the language or languages that you want Gopher+ to use when files are available in more than one language.
Tailor by Server	Classify network access to specific Gopher servers as "fast" or "slow."
Configure Special Features	Set Gopher+ options.
Fonts	Set the fonts that Gopher+ uses.

### Related Topics

[Introducing Gopher+](#)  
[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)  
[Concepts](#)

## Navigate Menu Commands

Use the Navigate menu to get information, retrieve [Gopher items](#), and navigate through [Gopherspace](#).

<b>Use this command</b>	<b>To do this</b>
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Connect to a Gopher	Connect to a <a href="#">Gopher server</a> using the servers <a href="#">Internet address</a> or <a href="#">hostname</a> .
Go Home	Connect to the <a href="#">home server</a> specified in the Gopher Set Up dialog box.
Fetch Item	Retrieve the selected Gopher item.
Show History	Display a list of all the Gopher items you selected since you started the Gopher+ application running.
Previous Menu	Return to Gopher menus you previously viewed.
Next Menu	Go to the next open Gopher menu. (This works only after you have used the Previous menu command.)
Flip	Switch between the current Gopher server menu and the currently open bookmark file.
Get Info on Item	Get <a href="#">Internet address</a> or <a href="#">hostname</a> information about the selected Gopher item.
Get Info on Server	Get server information about the Gopher server that you are currently connected to. Individual servers determine the type of information that you receive. Servers may return information about the server location, administration, and the version of the server.
Flush Cache	Deletes copies of menus. All menus will then have to be retrieved over the network. The present menu is not in the cache. If you want to refresh the present menu, switch to your Bookmarks menu, choose Flush Cache, and then move back to it.

### Related Topics

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## Bookmarks Menu Commands

Use the commands in the Bookmarks menu to manipulate, create, edit, delete, and save your bookmarks.

<b>Use this command</b>	<b>To do this</b>
Mark Item	Set a bookmark to return to a specific <u>Gopher item</u> .
Mark Menu	Set a bookmark to return to an entire menu.
Go to Bookmark Home	Display the initial <u>bookmark file</u> specified in the Gopher Set Up dialog box.
Show Bookmark History	Display a list of the Bookmarks you viewed since you started Gopher+.
Show Bookmarks	Display the currently open bookmark file in the main viewing area.
Hide Bookmarks	Hide the currently open bookmark file, and return to the current Gopher menu.
Remove Bookmark	Remove a bookmark from the current bookmark file.
Clear All Bookmarks	Delete all the bookmarks in the current bookmark file.
Create Bookmark	Create a new bookmark. Enter the <u>Internet address</u> or <u>hostname</u> and directory for the bookmark. (Gopher+ does not need to be at the place where you are setting this bookmark when it is created.)
Edit Bookmark	Change the settings of a bookmark.
Load Bookmarks	Load a bookmark file.
Append Bookmarks	Attach one bookmark file to the end of the current bookmark file.
Save Bookmarks	Save any new bookmarks to the currently open bookmark file.
Save Bookmarks As	Save the currently open bookmark file with a new filename.

### Related Topics

[Introducing Gopher+](#)  
[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)  
[Concepts](#)

## Add a View Type

Use the Add a New View Type dialog box to add another file type to those listed in the Viewer dialog box.

### To add another view type

1. In the Enter the View Type box, type the name of a file type.
2. Choose OK.

### Related Topics

[Introducing Gopher+](#)

[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)

[Concepts](#)

## **Add a Server**

Use the Add a Server dialog box to specify a server.

### **To add a server**

1. Under Enter Fully Qualified Server Name, type the hostname or IP address of the server.
2. Choose OK.

### **Related Topics**


[Introducing Gopher+](#)  
[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)  
[Concepts](#)

## Search Indexes

Use the Index Search dialog box to search for gopher items.

### To search for an entry word

1. In the Search Strings box, type the characters that you want Gopher to search for.
2. Choose OK.

You can search on items that have the  symbol next to them.

### Related Topics

[Introducing Gopher+](#)

[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)

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## Display Bookmarks

### To display the currently open bookmark file

From the Bookmarks menu choose Show Bookmarks

--or--

Click the right mouse button

--or--

Choose the world button  from the toolbar.

### Related Topics

[Set a Bookmark](#)

[Display Bookmark History](#)

[What are Bookmarks?](#)

[Introducing Gopher+](#)

[Step-by-Step Instructions](#)

[Concepts](#)

## What is Ask Procecessing?

Ask Processing only applies to Gopher items from servers that use the [Gopher plus protocol](#).

When a Gopher item uses Ask Processing, the item prompts you for information that the Gopher item can then use.

Gopher+ displays a dialog box that requests the information.

**Caution:** You do not know who will receive the information that you are sending. Be careful not to transmit sensitive information. For example, do not give out your password and user ID.

### Related Topics

[Introducing Gopher+](#)

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## What are Gopher+ Attributes?

Gopher plus attributes provide information about an item before you fetch (retrieve) it.

If an item resides on a Gopher server that is using the Gopher plus protocol, a second symbol appears to the left of that item.

**This symbol**                      **Indicates that you can**



View the file attributes by clicking the symbol.



Retrieve Gopher plus attributes.

### Related Topics

[Learn about a Gopher Item](#)

[Getting Gopher Item and Server Information](#)

[What is the Gopher plus protocol?](#)

[What are Preferred File Formats?](#)

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## **Ask Processing**

Ask Processing only applies to Gopher items from servers that use the Gopher plus protocol, an improved Gopher protocol implemented on some servers.

When a Gopher item uses Ask Processing, the item prompts you for information that the Gopher item can then use.

Gopher+ displays a dialog box that requests the information.

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**ASCII**

An acronym for American Standard Code for Information Interchange. A standard computer character set used in text files that do not include formatting instructions.

**Attributes**

Information about an item that you can retrieve with Gopher+. The attributes might provide an abstract of the item, the size of the file, and the different formats available for the file.

**Binary**

A file that contains program instructions. For example, executable files (having an .EXE extension) are binary files.

**Bookmark File**

A file that contains the bookmarks that you create for Gopher+ items. Bookmarks include information about items and the location of those items. You use bookmarks to mark frequently used items and to easily locate and return to items.



**Dot Stuffing**

When transferring data in ASCII mode, Gopher+ uses a dot to signify End of File. This mechanism can cause problems with files that contain lines that start with a dot. Gopher+ adds extra dots in these lines to identify that this area is not the end of the file.

You need this option when Gopher+ is communicating with the many servers that do not follow the specification for handling dots. If a file appears corrupted, try setting this option before retrieving the file again. Although setting this option tries to correct the situation, you might find that some lines are still be corrupted.

**Gopherspace**

The collection of all Gopher servers on the Internet. Anything that you can access via a Gopher application exists in Gopherspace.


**Gopher Items**


The types of information that you can retrieve from a Gopher server (computers on the Internet that the Gopher+ application connects to for Gopher services). These items can be files of different types, directories, connections to other Gopher servers, Telnet connections, or searches of a collection of documents.


## Gopher+ Protocol

An improved Gopher protocol. Gopher servers originally used the Gopher protocol to communicate. Some Gopher servers use the improved Gopher plus protocol.

The Gopher+ protocol supports attributes. Attributes provide Gopher+ with information about the file format before you retrieve the file. This feature lets Gopher start the correct viewer when the file is retrieved.

Gopher items that have attributes that have not yet been retrieved appear with the plus symbol  next to them. Click and hold on the symbol and release on the Fetch Attributes box that appears to retrieve the attributes.

Gopher items that have attributes that have already been retrieved appear with the multiview symbol  to their left. To see a list of information you can get on the item, click and hold the mouse button on the

 multiview symbol. Release on an item to retrieve that information.

## Gopher+ Viewer Variables

Gopher+ replaces viewer variables with Gopher item information it retrieves from the server it is connected to. Use the following variables in the Viewer details box to have Gopher+ replace the variable with the appropriate information when starting a viewer.

Item	Variable
File name	%f
Gopher description	%d
Gopher type	%t
Host name	%h
Internet address	%i
Port number	%p
Search string	%S
%%	%%

If you use a viewer that requires a parameter that is the same as one of the variables listed, you can insert an additional % before the variable for Gopher+ to use that variable. For example, for the filename variable, you would use %%f.

**Gopher Servers**

Computers on the Internet that the Gopher+ application connects to for Gopher services.

**Home Gopher Server**

The server that Gopher+ connects to when you start the Gopher+ application.

**Host**

A computer on the network. Your computer is the local host; other computers are remote hosts.



**Hostname**

The name assigned to a computer on the network. A fully qualified hostname has the form *hostname.subdomain.domain*; for example, *gopher.ftp.com*.

**Internet**

The worldwide collection of networks using the TCP/IP protocol. The Internet includes sites at universities, research laboratories, corporations, governments, and nonprofit organizations.

**Internet Address**

The Internet Protocol (IP) number that uniquely identifies a computer on a network. The form of an IP address is four groups of numbers separated by periods, for example, 128.127.55.55.

**PostScript**

A page description language (developed by Adobe Systems, Inc) that contains instructions for formatting text.

**Telnet**

The standard TCP/IP remote login protocol. With Telnet, you can work from your PC as if it were a terminal physically attached to another machine.

While using Telnet with Gopher+, keep in mind that Telnet is considered a viewer and thus is a separate application from Gopher+. This means that, unlike Gopher+, you may be required to type in username and password information to access data on some servers.

A Gopher item that is a Telnet connection is represented by the  symbol.

**TN3270**

A remote login application that lets you work from your PC as if it were a terminal physically attached to another machine.

The application translates input from your keyboard into a format usable by the remote computer, and that translates output from the remote computer into a format suitable for display on your PC. This translation process is called terminal emulation.

**Text File**

A file that contains information only in text form.

**Weights**

Weights are arbitrary numbers that you assign to a file format. When Gopher+ has the choice of fetching a file in more than one format, it fetches the file with the highest assigned weight.



**Working Directory**

Type the full pathname of the directory where the viewer is stored.

**Extension Guesses**

Type the possible file extensions for the viewer application. Gopher+ attempts to match the file extension with extensions you specify.

Gopher+ uses this entry when it retrieves items; for example, different types of files. The entry is effective only when you connect to Gopher servers (computers on the network that make Gopher services available to you) that use the Gopher plus protocol. The Gopher plus protocol is an improved Gopher protocol supported by some servers.

**Disabled**

Select this checkbox to turn off the viewer for this view type. When retrieving a file of this view type, the following message appears:

no viewer for this view type enabled

**Slow Weight**

Specify the weight of this view type of Gopher servers in the category slow. Weights are arbitrary numbers that you assign to a file format. When Gopher+ can retrieve a file in one of several formats, it retrieves the file with the highest assigned weight.

**Fast Weight**

Specify the weight of this view type of Gopher servers in the category fast. Weights are arbitrary numbers that you assign to a file format. When Gopher+ can retrieve a file in one of several formats, it retrieves the file with the highest assigned weight.

**Save Extension**

Type the extension that you want Gopher+ to use when it saves temporary files generated by the application when you retrieve a file.

## Creating and Changing Bookmarks

Use the Create/Edit Bookmarks dialog box to create or change references to Gopher items.

You can create bookmarks by choosing Create Bookmark from the Bookmarks menu, or change bookmarks by choosing Edit Bookmark from that menu.


<b>Use this field</b>	<b>To specify</b>
Type	The type of Gopher item (a directory, image file, text file, and so forth).
Description	The Gopher item text in the <u>bookmark file</u> .
Host	The <u>Internet address</u> or <u>hostname</u> of the <u>Gopher server</u> you want.
Port	The port that Gopher+ should connect to on the server. With Gopher, this is usually port 70.
Selector	The directory you want to go to on the Gopher server. You do not need to specify a directory to connect to the server.
Ask Item	Whether to accept <u>Ask</u> item requests.
Gopher+	If the server is using the <u>Gopher plus protocol</u> .

### Related Topics

[Bookmark Commands Menu](#)  
[Setting Bookmarks](#)

## Configuring Special Gopher+ Features

The Configure Special Features dialog box lets you customize how you use Gopher+ on your PC. You configure Gopher+ options by choosing Configure Special Features from the Options menu.

<b>Use this box</b>	<b>To do this</b>
How to do Dot Stuffing	Set how Gopher+ handles <u>Dot Stuffing</u> .
Show the Multiview Symbol	Set when the multiview symbol  should be displayed.
Feedback Bars	Set whether Gopher+ displays the percentage of transfer complete bars.
Network Buffer Size	Tune Gopher+ performance by adjusting the amount of data it reads from the network at one time.
Ask Dialog Size	Set the size of the dialog box for <u>Ask items</u> .
When to Delete Temp Files	Set Gopher+ to delete temporary files on viewer exit or on Gopher+ application exit.



**account name:** The name or word that identifies who is billed for this session on a computer system.

**case sensitivity:** The ability of a program to evaluate the difference between the capitalized and non-capitalized versions of a character. Case sensitive programs treat for example, *cat* and *Cat*, as distinct items.

It matters how you enter file and variable names on a case sensitive operating system (such as the UNIX operating system). If you want to view a file named *Cat*, and you enter the characters *cat*, the system displays the file named *cat* if one exists, or gives you an error message. It does not display a file named *Cat*. Case sensitivity also affects the way that files are listed when sorted in alphabetical order.

**filename conventions:** A TCP/IP network usually contains computers that run different operating systems. Each operating system has different conventions for naming files. For example, both the number and kinds of characters that can be used in a name are often subject to limits.

When you use some TCP/IP supported services such as telnet and ftp, use the filename conventions in effect on the host system to work with files that are on the host.

**hostname:** The name of a networked computer.

The hostname is one form of the computer's TCP/IP network address; the other is its complete numeric network address. You can access a computer by its hostname or its numeric network address.

**toolbar:** A group of buttons that appears below the menu bar. These buttons let you gain access quickly to the application's features.

**IP address:** A number (in the form *n.n.n.n* where each *n* is a value in the range 0 to 255) that uniquely identifies a networked computer that uses the TCP/IP communication protocol. (The Internet Protocol is defined in RFC 791.)

**MIB-II:** The Management Information Base (MIB) database used by an SNMP MIB agent to store information about the network operations of your PC. MIB-II (or MIB version 2) is the second version of the Internet-standard MIB. RFC 1213 defines the format of MIB-II.

**packet:** A single network message with its associated header, addressing information, data, and optional trailer. Also known as a "frame" or "datagram".

**password:** A word or string of characters that you supply in order to login to another system on a network. Systems that accept the username "anonymous" often require you to provide your e-mail address as the password.

**permissions:** On UNIX systems, settings that control who has access to a file and what rights (read, write, or execute) are given. NFS uses UNIX-style permissions to control access to network files.

**protocol window:** Some OnNet applications support a window dedicated to displaying the interactions between your PC and the remote host (the protocol). You can display the window usually from a View, Settings, or Options menu.

**remote host:** A networked computer that makes a service available to other computers on the network. Typical host services include transferring files, printing files, and managing logins from remote users.

**SNMP community:** A relationship between an SNMP agent and one or more SNMP management stations.

**SNMP community name:** A unique name shared by the members of an SNMP community.

**SNMP message:** A packet of data, consisting of an SNMP community name and SNMP commands and operands.

**status bar:** A message area, typically at the bottom of the application window, that provides information about the component that is currently selected, or the state of the application.

**session:** A session comprises the interactions between your PC and a remote host beginning with the initial connection and ending when you or the host explicitly disconnect.

Some OnNet applications allow you to configure sessions, that is, automatically send parameters such as your username and password to the remote host..

**session definition:** The configuration settings for a particular session or host connection. A session definition might include such settings as the hostname of a computer on the network and your login name for that computer, as well as other values that you specify. The set of session parameters you can specify differs with each program.

**TCP (Transmission Control Protocol):** A Transport layer, connection-oriented, end-to-end protocol that provides reliable, sequenced, and nonduplicated delivery of bytes to a remote or a local user. TCP provides reliable byte stream communication between pairs of processes in hosts attached to interconnected networks.

**time out:** A period of time when a connection between a PC and a host computer is allowed to be idle or unused, or when a PC can attempt to make a connection to a networked host..

When the time period elapses, the host closes the idle connection, or the PC reports that it failed to connect to a host.

**UDP (User Datagram Protocol):** A Transport layer, connection-less mode protocol providing a (potentially unreliable, unsequenced, and/or duplicated) datagram communication for delivery of packets to a remote or a local user. UDP provides a procedure for a process to send messages to other processes with a minimum of protocol mechanism.

**username:** A name required for login to a remote system.

**wildcard:** A character such as \* or ? that represents one or more characters in a filename. In a network, each operating system supports

its own wildcard characters and syntax. When you use wildcards on a remote host, follow the conventions that apply to that host.

Displays or hides additional elements of this dialog box.

Returns to the previous dialog box.

Displays the Open dialog box so that you can search for a specific file.

Cancels your selection(s) and close the dialog box without taking any action.

Closes the dialog box.

Exits the application.

Displays Help about the contents of this dialog box.

Does not proceed as indicated.

Proceeds to the next dialog box.

Confirms your selection(s) and close the dialog box.

Opens the Options dialog box.

Enter a word or string of characters to log in to another system, workgroup, or domain on a network.

Protects the contents of the file from modification.

Starts the operation.

Stops the operation.

Starts or stops the operation.

Enter the hostname or IP address of the remote host that you are trying to reach.

Enter the name that you use to log in to a computer on a network.

Proceeds as indicated.

Proceeds as indicated and avoids further prompts for confirmation.

Click this to set up options,

Saves all the changes you have made without closing the dialog box.

Context-sensitive help for this item is not yet implemented.

Help for this dialog box is not yet implemented.



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