

Rather than merely “bookmarking” a URL for a favorite Web site, SurfSaver enables you to save a site’s entire look-and-feel. Thus, with SurfSaver you can save a site’s literal format, frames, colors, graphics, sounds, and, of course, all of the links. What else do you need?

When invoking a SurfSaver site-save, you may specify title information, keywords, and annotations. The icing on the cake is the ability to organize your saved sites into folders and even filing cabinets — the digital equivalent of file cabinets. In short, SurfSaver provides you with a fool-proof vehicle for staying dry and, hopefully, productive on the Web.

SurfSaver becomes a plug-in for your browser: during installation, it analyzes your browser situation and then plugs itself in. Then, to invoke the benefits of SurfSaver, under Internet Explorer, you simply right-click while positioned on a Web page and the SurfSaver screen superimposes itself thereupon. Under Netscape, you either click the SurfSaver button in the Personal Toolbar or select the SurfSaver Save menu command in the Bookmarks submenu. The main portions of a SurfSaver screen consist of a folder list window on the left; URL-related information consisting of title, keywords, and notes on the upper right; and URL-save specifics on the lower right. SurfSaver automatically inserts into the Title window a title logically related to the site’s purported contents. This title may be accepted as is, or changed. Keywords may be entered into the Keywords window for subsequent searching. Notes and comments may be entered into the Notes window.

Prior to saving a site, a new folder may be added by clicking the familiar New Folder icon located on the top left of the SurfSaver dialog box. A pre-existing folder may be easily found by walking down the folder tree window or by clicking the Browse icon located to the right of the New Folder icon. Between these two icons is a Filing Cabinet icon that affords the convenience of organizing a set of folders into their very own virtual file cabinet. SurfSaver gives you a variety of options for saving sites: you may save the current page, linked pages (at whatever level of detail suits you), graphics, etc. You thus have the tools to accurately capture and recreate the total Web experience.

An effective use of SurfSaver is to record the actual results of legal research, investigations, trademark searches, etc. Once Web information is stored, retrieval is convenient and intuitive. For retrieving saved search results, you invoke SurfSaver within your browser and select the SurfSaver Search menu option. The displayed dialog box provides the option to search for actual text excerpts in the Full Text window; for words in a title in the Title window; for keywords in the Keywords window; for text excerpts in the Notes window; and even for a particular URL. Prior to invoking a search, you normally would specify the applicable folder or folders or filing cabinet. If you focus on a particular folder or filing cabinet, you can simply click the List All button to display a list of all of the saved titles. By click-selecting a particular title, the corresponding saved site appears in the browser window. For hard-core searching, easily-recalled terms should be used so that mental gymnastics are not prerequisite for accomplishing the retrieval operation.

Once you start using SurfSaver for traveling on the Web, your surfing experience will henceforth feel like you’re comfortably situated on a luxury cruise ship rather than on a raft subject to the mercy of the surf.