



Article	GEN: Transferring your bookmarks into Firefox	Level	INTERMED
Symptom	You wish to have your favorites/bookmarks available in Firefox		
Cause	Not applicable		
Resolution	Export your favorites/bookmarks and then import into Firefox		
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SUMMARY

The Faculty's current Standard Operating Environment (SOE) offers a variety of web browsers for accessing the internet. Individuals will likely have their own preferred browser of choice but Faculty Computing recommends using Firefox as your default web browser.

If you have been using other browsers, such as Internet Explorer (Macintosh or Windows) or Safari (Macintosh), you may want to transfer your favorites/bookmarks across into Firefox.

RESOLUTION

Exporting the favourites/bookmarks from an existing application

Macintosh: Exporting favorites from Internet Explorer

1. Start Internet Explorer and select **Organize Favorites** from the **Favorites** menu.
Organise and clean-up your favorites, since Firefox will import and re-create exactly what you see in Internet Explorer.
2. Select **Export Favorites...** from the **File** menu.
3. Save the document, modifying the name as appropriate, to a suitable folder by clicking the **Save** button.
4. Quit Internet Explorer and proceed to step 5.

Windows: Exporting favorites from Internet Explorer

1. Start Internet Explorer and select **Import and Export...** from the **File** menu.
Organise and clean-up your favorites, since Firefox will import and re-create exactly what you see in Internet Explorer.
2. Click **Next** and select Export Favorites from the list; ensure Favorites is highlighted before clicking **Next**.
3. Save the document, modifying the name as appropriate, to a suitable folder by clicking the **Browse** button.
4. Click **Next** and then the **Finish** button.

Upon completion you will be informed that the export was successful.

Macintosh: Exporting bookmarks from Safari

1. Start Safari and select **Show All Bookmarks** from the **Bookmarks** menu.
Organise and clean-up your bookmarks, since Firefox will import and re-create exactly what you see in Safari.
2. Select **Export Bookmarks...** from the **File** menu.
3. Save the document, modifying the name as appropriate, to a suitable folder by clicking the **Save** button.

Macintosh or Windows: Exporting bookmarks from Mozilla/Netscape

1. Start Mozilla/Netscape and select **Manage Bookmarks...** from the **Bookmarks** menu.
Organise and clean-up your bookmarks, since Firefox will import and re-create exactly what you see in Mozilla/Netscape.
2. Select **Export ...** from the **Tools** menu.
3. Save the document, modifying the name as appropriate, to a suitable folder by clicking the **Save** button.

Importing favorites/bookmarks into Firefox

1. In Firefox, select **Manage Bookmarks** from the **Bookmarks** menu.
2. Select **Import...** from the **File** menu.
3. Choose the From File option; click **Next** and if you have previously exported the favourites/bookmarks to a file, then locate and highlight the saved file and click **Open**.

– OR –

Choose from the list of available browsers and click **Next**.

– OR –

Choose the From File option; click **Next** and locate the original favourites/bookmarks files then click **Open**.

*The files you should look for are **bookmarks.html** (Netscape/Mozilla); **Bookmarks.plist** (Safari) or **Favorites.html** (Macintosh: Internet Explorer).*

Firefox will import all the bookmarks contained in this file; close the Bookmarks Manager window and check the imported bookmarks are now available for use.

RELATED INFORMATION

- For further reading on managing your bookmarks in Firefox refer to the Firefox help by selecting **Help Contents** from the **Help** menu within Firefox.