Bookmark Managers

You've been surfing the Web for an hour, and now you have a huge list of bookmarks (or Favorites in Internet Explorer). The good news: You've found several Websites that have the information you want. The bad news: Searching through your list is as time-consuming as finding the Websites in the first place.

You can use the bookmark organizer that comes with your browser to get your list of favorite sites in order. But if you're like most surfers, you'd rather have a new software application that you can load to your computer, such as
❑ AcqURL
❑ Alert Bookmarks
❑ Backflip
❑ The Bookmark Portal
❑ Private Bookmarks.

The latest Web-based productivity applications work to create a personal map to the sites you use the most. And some of them are free!

The Software Roundup chart includes product features, cost, and contact information.

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Tool	Product Features	Cost
AcqURL acqurl.com	❑ organizes by topic or project ❑ combines Website bookmarks with local applications ❑ include Website icon or image ❑ imports bookmarks from browsers ❑ exports bookmarks to browser ❑ prints bookmark lists ❑ tracks user names and passwords for Websites you join	US$35
Alert Bookmarks alertbookmarks.com	❑ rotating index format ❑ password protected ❑ imports bookmarks from browsers ❑ imports links directly from any Webpage ❑ detects duplicate bookmarks while importing ❑ three different formats available	US$25
Backflip backflip.com	❑ Web-based rather than PC-based ❑ becomes a button on your toolbar ❑ Yahoo!-style page ❑ private search engine ❑ shares bookmarks ❑ creates a top 10 list ❑ indexes bookmarks ❑ provides recommendations from other Backflip members	Free
The Bookmark Portal itlist.com	❑ Web-based rather than PC-based ❑ sorts sites by alpha order, last visit, frequency, or content ❑ rates sites ❑ adds comments ❑ tracks changes on bookmarked sites ❑ password protected	Free
Private bookmarks webroot.com	❑ password protected ❑ imports bookmarks from browsers ❑ exports bookmarks to browsers ❑ organizes sites into groups ❑ tracks user names and passwords for Websites you join	US$29.95

Here's how you can use your browser to put your bookmarks in order.

Internet Explorer
1. On the Favorites menu, select Organize Favorites.
2. Click on the Create New Folder icon.
3. Type a name and press Enter.
4. Repeat the steps above as necessary.
5. Drag the shortcuts in the list to the appropriate folder.

Netscape Navigator
1. On the Communicator menu, go to Bookmarks, then Edit Bookmarks.
2. Go to File, then New Folder.
3. Name the folder and click OK.
4. Repeat the steps above as necessary.
5. Drag any bookmark on your list into the folders you've created.