CatHtml Beta v 1c

Html Cataloguer with Windows Explorer integration
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Sort

For Sorting catalogue entries. The direction of the sort can be changed by clicking the option in the top right corner of the sort box (a small box with an 'A' or 'D').

Details

Include file-name, size and date info next to catalogue entry.

Sample

Include a sample of the first part of a catalogued html file. This gives more clues to the web page, if needed.

Search subdirectories

Catalogues all web pages even in sub directories of selected folder.   Options to deposit catalogue per directory, create an index file of links to each catalogue and/or produce one large catalogue. *Not yet implemented.*

Save Catalogue

Saves the catalogue to the directory. The filename used is user definable. CatHtml otherwise produces a temporary file, prefixed with '$', that is automatically deleted on exiting the browser.

Open browser

The default web browser will be automatically run and loaded with the catalogue for your immediate perusal. This does not work if "filename" does not have an extension of

.htm or .html when the "Save Catalogue" option is on.

Edit Header's and footer's

The html added to the beginning and end of the catalogue is editable. You should only choose these options if you have some experience of html.

Using

Operating :

CatHtml is operated exclusively through windows explorer. (The 'Desktop' is also part of explorer).

Click on a folder (preferably full of html files) and then *right-click* the mouse. Select the "Catalogue Html" option.

Alternatively: Select an html (or htm) file and right-click to see the same option (this will catalogue all html files in the folder in which the selected file resides).

Configuring :

To configure CatHtml run the program in the usual way for any program. The easiest method is to create a shortcut to the file 'CatHtml.exe' in your start menu (for future convenience).

Tips :

You can easily create folders on your desktop. When saving a file via a web browser the save-location offered is usually the desktop. As long as the desktop is not cluttered one can quickly choose a suitably named folder (that you have previously created) for the web page. After your net session you can right-click the folder on the desktop to get an instant catalogue of the web pages. This is VERY convenient.

Since the desktop is located on the C drive you may prefer to store your web pages elsewhere. You can easily create a folder shortcut (which behaves, for practical purposes, as thought it where a folder) by right dragging a folder from an explorer window to the desktop - or elsewhere if need be - and choosing 'create shortcut' from the resulting pop-up menu. (To clarify : the pop-up menu only appears after you finish dragging and release the right hand mouse button).

Limitations

Some web pages use non-PC EOL characters. In conjuction with script or Java sections these can produce strange results in the sample text.

A slow down can occur after 700 of so web pages. This 'feature' will be addressed in time.

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Registration

Benefits :

Allows subdirectory, drive and whole system cataloging.

Allows catalogues to be saved.

(For searching the author recommends the Windows95 find box - which can search the contents of htm files - or Altavista Personal Search).

How to register.

Non-Credit card :

World wide : International money order for $10.

Uk : Cheque for £5

Made out to : Greg Lorriman

send to :
    1 Elmfield
    Tenterden
    Kent TN30 6RE
    England

Remember to include your email address as your enabling key will be emailed.

Credit card :

Payment is $12.

Goto this web site :

www.freereg.com

and give this number when required :

123456

Then send an email to

reg.cathtml@lorriman.demon.co.uk

informing me of your payment and including a return email address.
Remember to include your email address as your enabling key will be emailed.

Updates

To get the next beta release goto :

www.lorriman.demon.co.uk/cathtmlbeta.htm

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Final release

Final releases will be available from :

www.lorriman.demon.co.uk/cathtml.htm

If you wish to be notified of releases (beta and/or final) see Email Notification

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Email Notification

Beta notification :

Send an email with

add beta

in the subject line, to :   cathtml@lorriman.demon.co.uk

Final Release notification :

Send an email with

add final

in the subject line, to :   cathtml@lorriman.demon.co.uk

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Contact

You can contact the author at :

      beta.cathtm@lorriman.demon.co.uk.

If you have discovered a problem with the program please include as detailed a description as possible. Please include any numbers in error messages (including numbers that have letters, ie : 4F28E4440) and include the version number.

It's also helpful if you include the 'ini' file that the program creates. It can be found in the directory in which the program resides and is called "Cathtml.ini".

Suggestions are very welcome. However there is a suggestion that you need not make : a)Renaming files according to title. This idea will not be implemented as it is too dangerous.

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Uninstalling

Using explorer navigate to the directory in which the program resides.   Right-click on

uninst.inf

and choose "Install" (not a typo).

Then delete the contents of the directory.

If you cannot remember where you placed the program use the find box (Start->Find->files or folders) and search for 'cathtml.exe'.

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Installing

Unzip the downloaded file into a directory of your choice (preferably not the windows directory).

 Double-click on 'Cathtml.exe' to prepare your system and configure the program (press the 'Ok' button to effect preparation of your system).

You will need to create a shortcut in your Start menu to conveniently reconfigure the program in future.

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Purpose and Features

Purpose :

Instant catalogue of saved web pages, in default browser, via Windows Explorer.

To solve the problem of saved web pages not having meaningful filenames.

Extracts titles of each web page in the active folder and displays them (as a link) in default web browser.

Accessed via Windows95's Explorer right-click menu. See Using

Features :

Options to :

Include web page info (filename, date, size).
Include sample of main text
Save the catalogue to the folder.
Search all subdirectories (+related options). *(not yet implemented)*
Sort the entries by name, title, date/time.

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About the author

I am a hobbyist programmer (hopefully not for long). I am currently a gentleman of leisure though previously I have been a tomatoe picker, baby sitter, chocolate packer, and toe-twiddler.

I program in C++, Delphi, Basic, assembler and am looking at Java.
I find delphi the most satisfying and wrote this program in Delphi 2.

I am looking for work in Delphi or Java. If you have a small company in the SE England and a happy and fun workforce then I'd love to work for you.   You can contact me at : greg@lorriman.demon.co.uk

My family Motto is :

   Eis qui globulam a naso pendendam habent, eos globulam a naso habere dicere est virtutis.

which means :

   "Virtue is Informing those that have a bogey hanging off their nose that they have a bogey hanging off their nose".

Translated into latin by my wonderful brother, Hugh-Guy.

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Beta Test Note

For problems see <u>Contact</u>

Advice or suggestions pertinant to this program is welcome. Please email your wisdom to :

   advice.cathtml@lorriman.demon.co.uk

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History

v 1a   Initial release 24 April 1998

   Completely unusable due to "snoop" bug.

v 1b   25 April 1998

   fixed "snoop" bug
   fixed sort direction bug
   changed defaults

v 1c 1 April 1998

   fixed problem with Iexplorer as default browser

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