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New X-based information systems browser available.

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NCSA is developing a new X/Motif-based networked information systems browser called X Mosaic. Comfortably stable beta versions of it are now available, including full source code and binaries (for SunOS 4.x, SGI IRIX 4.x, AIX 3.2, and DEC Ultrix), at <ftp.ncsa.uiuc.edu> in /Web/xmosaic.

X Mosaic provides a consistent and easy-to-use hypertext-based interface into a wide variety of information sources, including Gopher, WAIS, World Wide Web, NNTP/Usenet news, Techinfo, Texinfo, FTP, local filesystems, telnet, tn3270, and others. A canonical list of current features follows:

- o Friendly Motif user interface.
- o Color and monochrome default X resource settings.
- o Multiple independent toplevel windows.
- o History list per window (both 'where you've been' and 'where you can go').
- o Global history with previously visited locations visually distinct; global history is persistent across sessions.
- o Hotlist/bookmark capability -- keep list of interesting documents, add/remove items, list is persistent across sessions.
- o Personal annotations with GUI annotation entry dialog; annotations can later be edited or deleted, and hyperlinks to existing annotations are inlined into subsequent accesses of an annotated document.
- o Options for new window per document (aka TurboGopher interface) -- always, or via middle mouse button.
- o On-the-fly font and hyperlink style selection.