

User Interface

This section describes some of the important features of the CD user interface. These features include the toolbar, the navigation bar, the status message area, and the document button bar. These features make it easy to find your way around the contents of the CDs.

Browser Toolbar

Browser toolbar buttons provide quick access to frequently used menu commands:

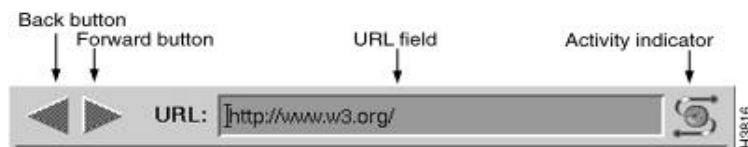


For a description of a toolbar button, place the cursor over the button and note the description that is displayed in the Status Message Area. To activate the function, click on the mouse button.

To turn off the toolbar, select Preferences from the Edit menu, then clear the Show Toolbar check box.

Navigation Bar

The navigation bar, which appears below the toolbar, allows you to navigate through documents in several ways:



You can click on the Back button to move backward through files you have previously viewed, and you can click on the Forward button to move forward through the files again.

The URL field displays the Universal Record Locator, or address, of the current file. You can open a file by entering its URL here. URLs are case sensitive and must not begin with a space.

The activity indicator (a spinning globe) is activated while the CD is transferring information or waiting to receive information. The activity indicator moves at a constant speed and does not indicate how fast data is being transferred.

Status Message Area

The status message area, which is located below the URL field on the Macintosh platform and at the bottom of the window on Windows or UNIX machines, displays the following information:

- Status messages during a file transfer
- A URL when the cursor is over a link
- Descriptions of the toolbar buttons when the cursor is over them

Document Button Bar

You click on the document button bar, which is displayed at the top and bottom of all documents, to navigate through the CD relative to the document that is currently being viewed.



The Home button takes you to the home page for the CD (the first page displayed when you launch the CD).

The Contents button displays the table of contents for the current document. For example, if you are in a chapter of a book, this button will transfer you to the table of contents for that book. If you are in a table of contents, you will be transferred to a higher level table of contents.

The Previous and Next buttons transfer you to the previous or next chapter in the document you are looking at.

The Help button displays the context-sensitive help facility for the CD.

The Search button transfers you to the multidocument search facility of the CD. (See the section “Searching Through Multiple Documents” later in this booklet.)