CrossFile Links Destination NoteFile Browser

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Introduction to the Destination NoteFile Browser

The Crossfile Links Destination Notefile Browser allows the user to modify and manage the destination notefiles associated with crossfile links in (source) notefiles. Using this facility, the user can easily move groups (or subgroups) of cross-linked notefiles to different directories and keep the cross-linked information between them up to date.

This facility features a "destination notefile browser" that displays in a window all destination notefiles for all crossfile links in a particular (source) notefile or group of notefiles. This browser is similar in appearance to a "file browser". Through a destination notefile browser, the directories or entire names of the destination notefiles associated with any crossfile links may be changed, to reflect changes in the location or name, respectively, of the actual destination notefile themselves.

Loading the Destination NoteFile Browser Package

Loading the Crossfile Links Destination Notefile Browser package is done in the same way as loading any other NoteCards library package. For example, you can type the following in an Interlisp exec:

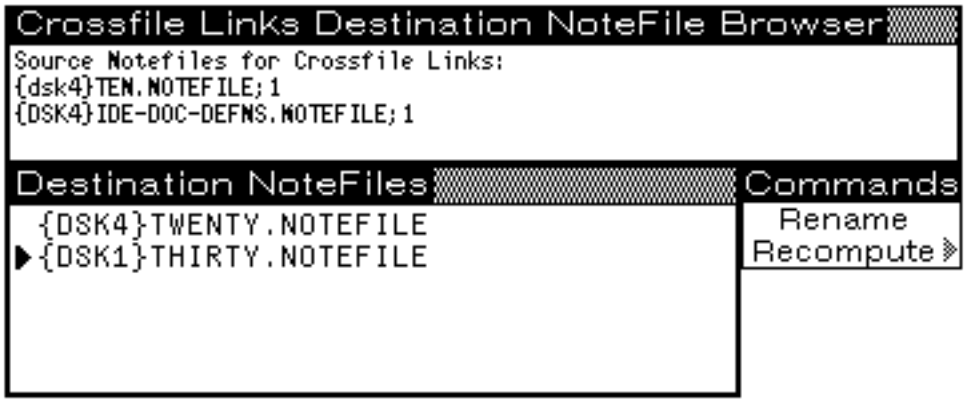
(FILESLOAD (FROM NOTECARDS) DESTNOTEFILEBROWSER)

Alternatively, you can add the atom DESTNOTEFILEBROWSER to the global var NOTECARDSLIBRARYFILES in your init file. This will ensure that DESTNOTEFILEBROWSER is loaded when bringing up a fresh sysout. (Note that the supporting patch files are to be found on the directory specified by the global var NOTECARDSNEXTDIRECTORIES.)

Using the Destination NoteFile Browser

Once the package is loaded, the user can access the Crossfile Links Destination Notefile Browser facility by selecting the "Destination NoteFile Browser" item on the "Other" menu item on the Notecards main menu. The user will be prompted to specify a region for a window and a "destination notefile browser" window will be opened in that region. The user will then be prompted to select the source notefiles that are to be used as the basis for the computed set of crossfile link destination notefiles. That is, for the set of source notefiles selected, ALL crossfile link destination notefiles for ALL crossfile links in the source notefiles will be computed. The source notefiles will be displayed in the top window of the browser, and any resultant destination notefiles for this set of source notefiles will be displayed in the main browser window.

The directories or entire names of any of the destination notefiles may be changed by selecting the destination notefiles of interest as you would items in a "file browser". There are two commands available on a destination notefile browser:



Rename The user will be prompted for a new name. The selected destination notefiles of all crossfile links for this group of source notefiles will have their names changed to this new name. If the new name is just a directory name, e.g., {qv}<ide>notefiles>, all selected destination notefiles will only have their directories changed and will retain their (root) filenames. If the new name is a complete filename (with directory), e.g., {qv}<ide>notefiles>new.notefile, all selected destination notefiles will have their names changed to exactly that new name. The browser will automatically be updated to reflect the destination notefile names.

Recompute This command is used to update, or recompute, the information in the browser (e.g., after new crossfile links have been added to the source notefiles.) There are two subitems on this menu: **Same source notefiles** (the default) and **New source notefiles**. The browser will be recomputed with the same source notefiles, unless **New source notefiles** has been selected, in which case the user

will be prompted for a new set of source notefiles.