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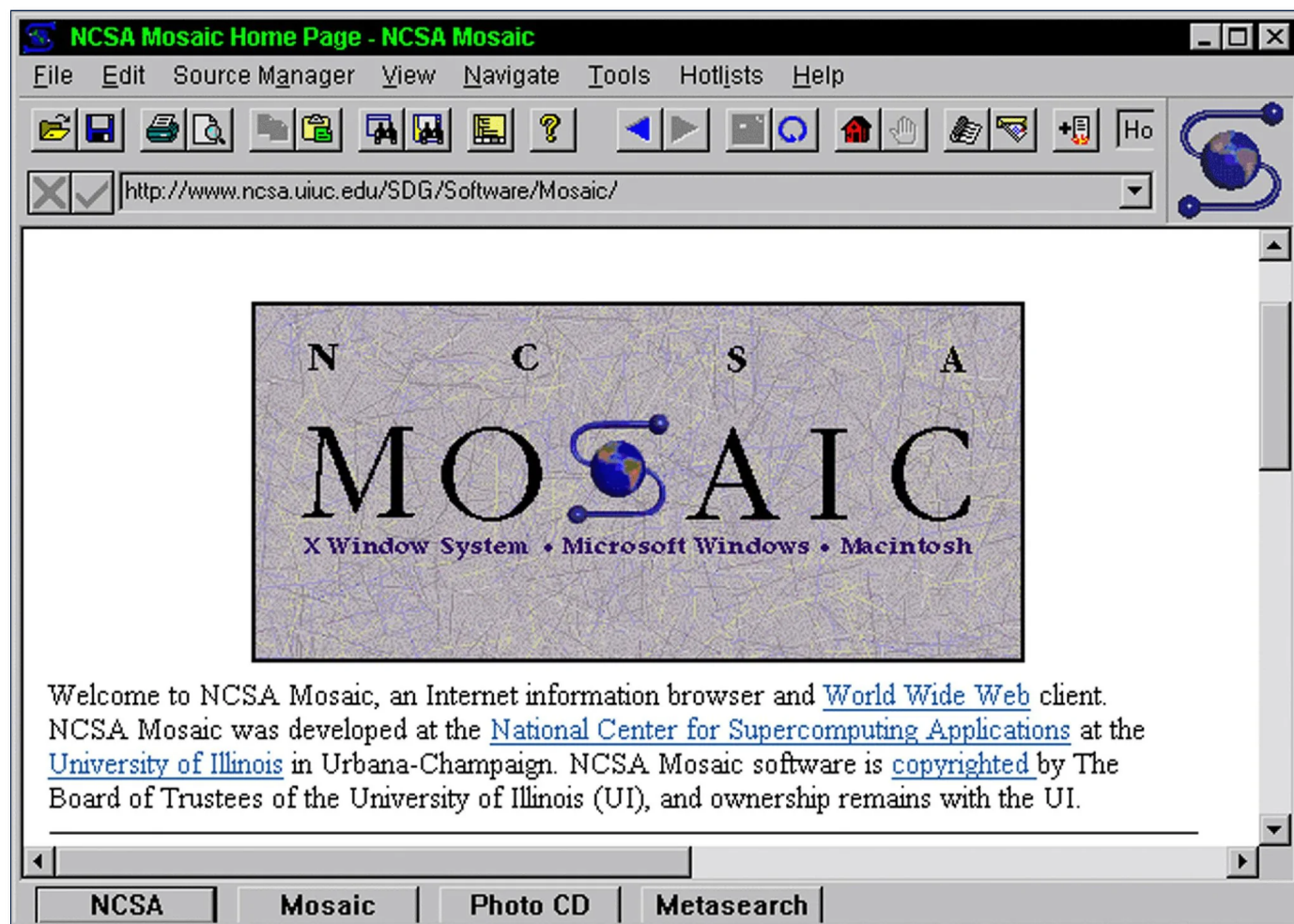


VISUAL DESIGN EVOLUTION OF NETSCAPE NAVIGATOR

Netscape Communications Corporation was the developer of the most popular early internet web browser which dominated usage in the mid-1990's. Confusingly, Netscape gave their browser suite different brand names over the years, such as Navigator, Communicator, Browser, and sometimes just *Netscape*. It also bundled in an email reader and other useful apps. Netscape's browser share peaked at around [80% in 1996](#) before [Microsoft Internet Explorer](#) took off in the [first browser war](#).

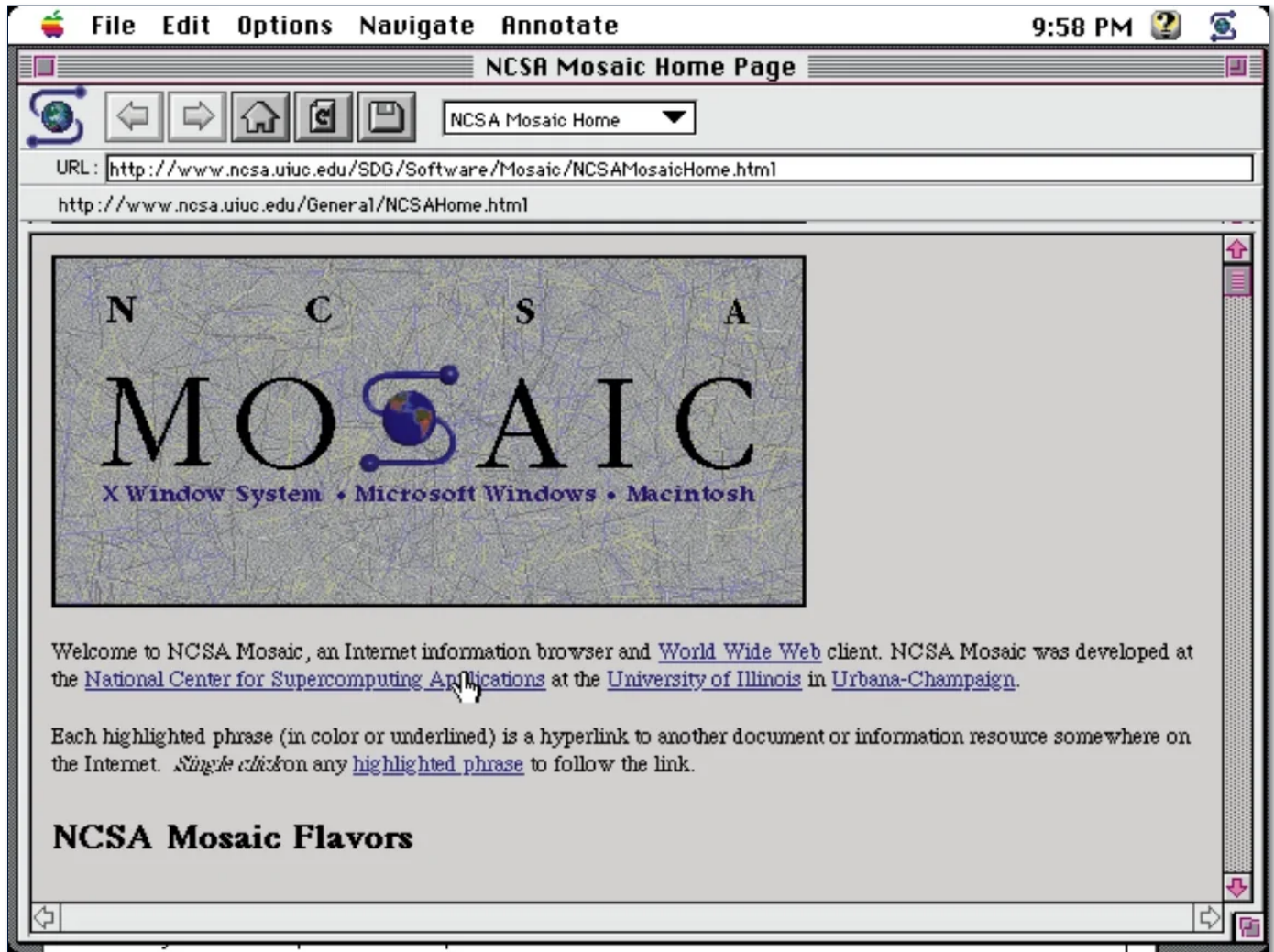
NCSA MOSAIC (1993)

The National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) was a group at the University of Illinois which developed the seminal web browser named Mosaic in 1993. Mosaic played a huge part in making the web more user-friendly. The Mosaic name itself referred to its ability to handle various internet protocols, such as [NNTP](#), [Gopher](#), and [FTP](#), in addition to the core Hypertext Transfer Protocol ([HTTP](#)) upon which the web was built. It was created by a team led by Marc Andreessen and Eric Bina, who then left NCSA to focus on developing the browser.



NCSA Mosaic for Windows (1993)

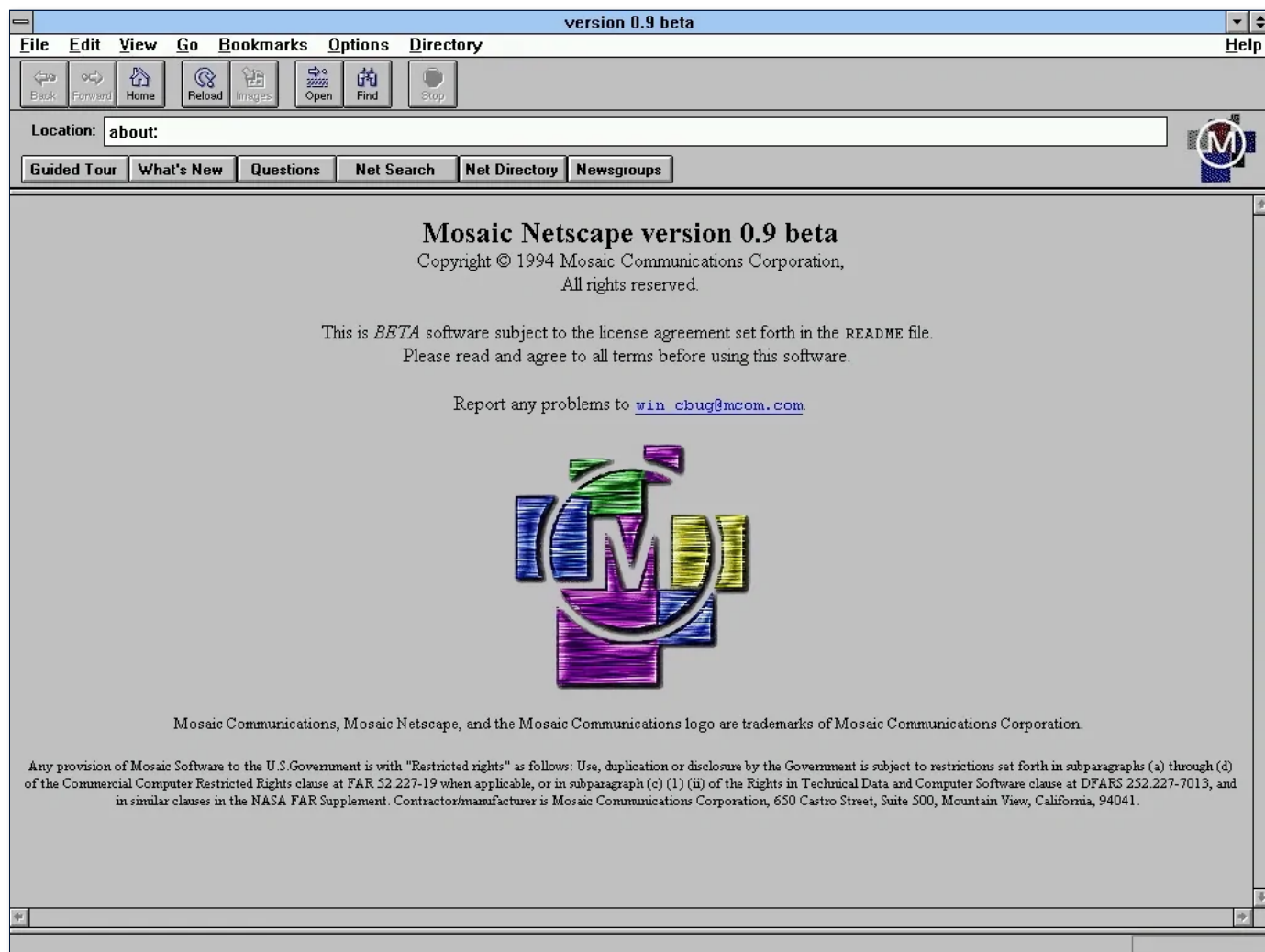
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NCSA Mosaic for Macintosh (1993)
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MOSAIC NETSCAPE (1994)

Andreessen and Bina left the NCSA and created the Mosaic Communications Corporation along with several former colleagues. They named their browser Netscape, and it was by far the most advanced and usable browser at the time. It became the browser share leader only four months after launch. To avoid naming disputes with their former employer, the company was renamed Netscape Communications Corporation.



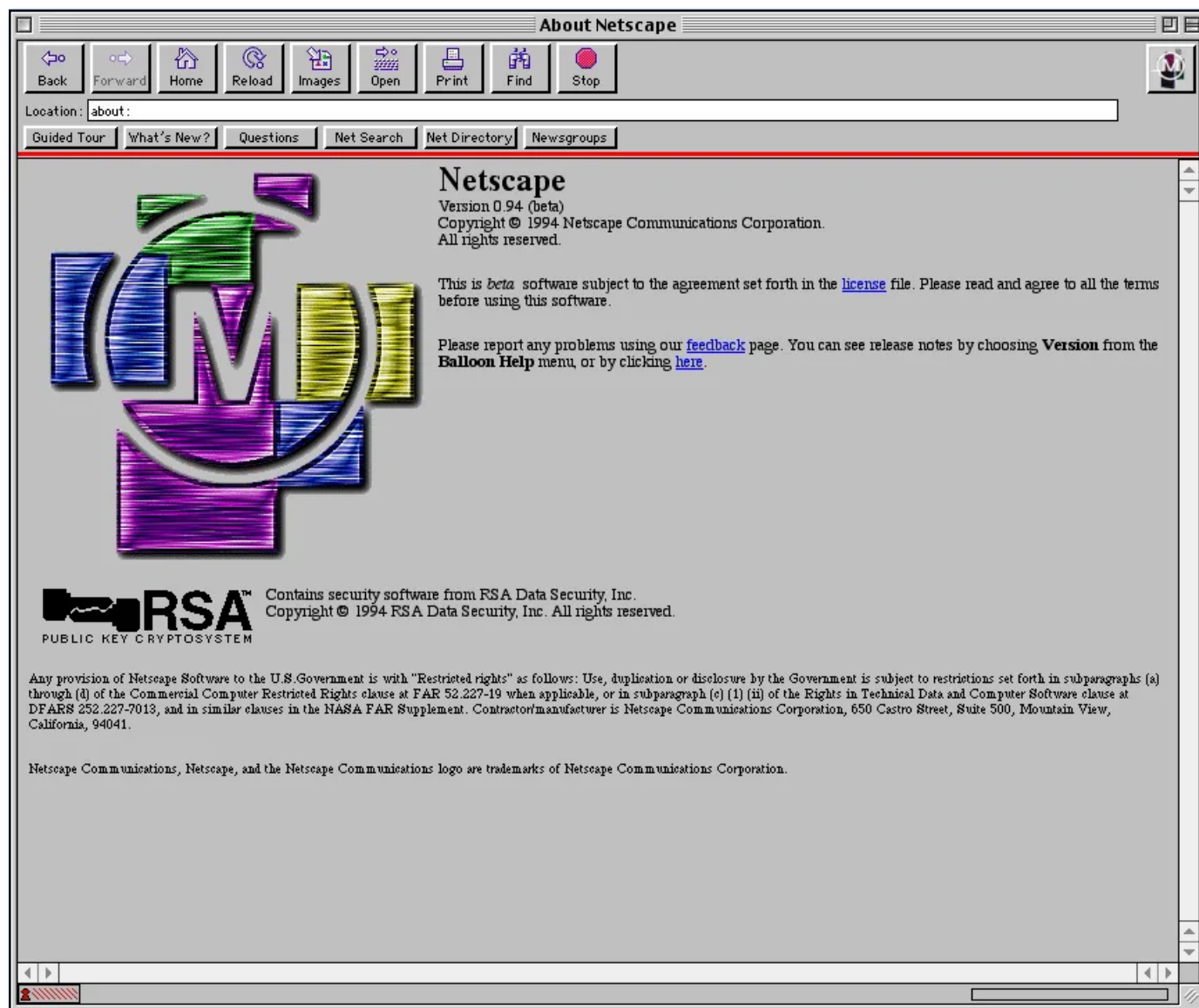
Mosaic Netscape 0.9 Beta for Windows (1994)

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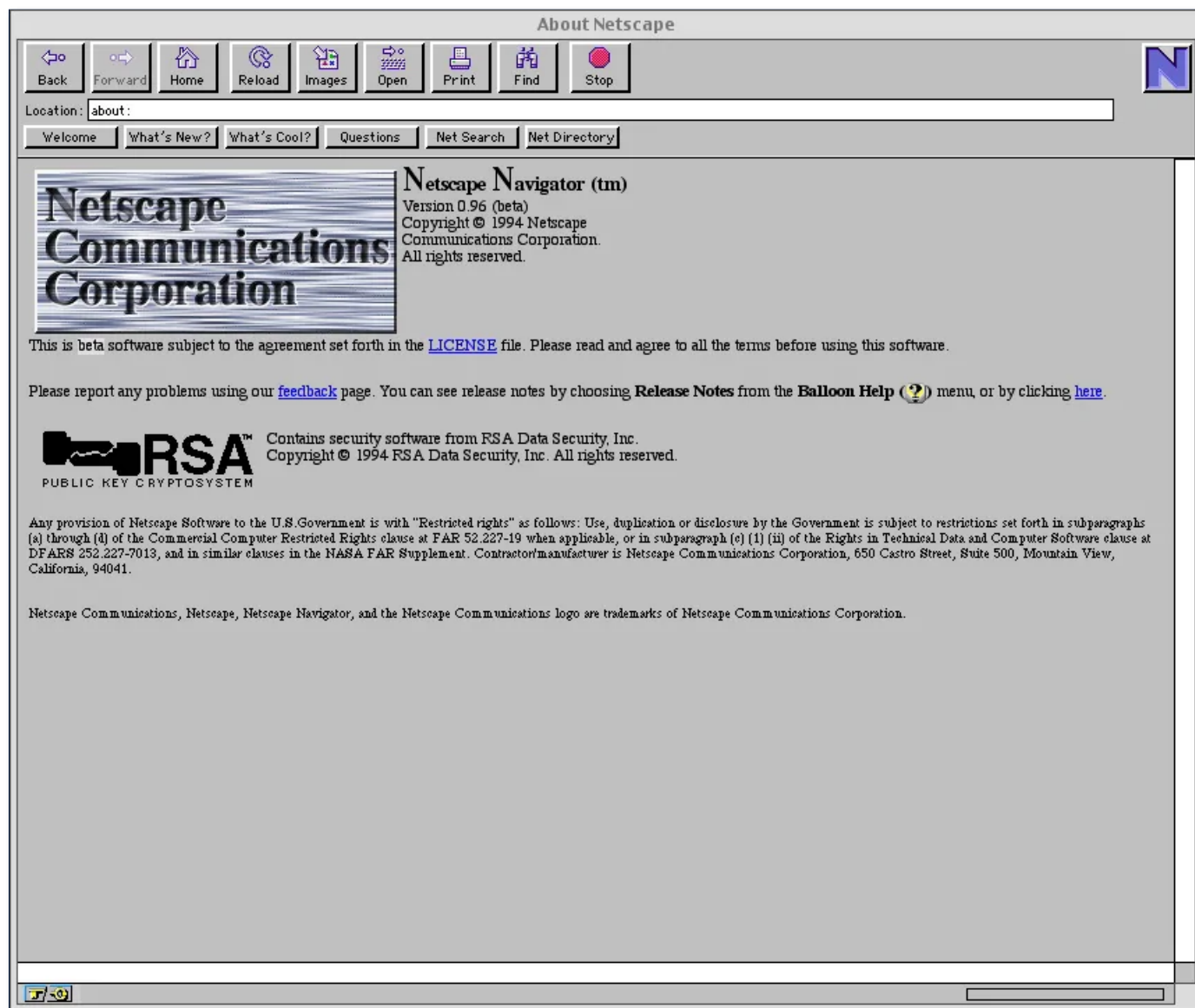
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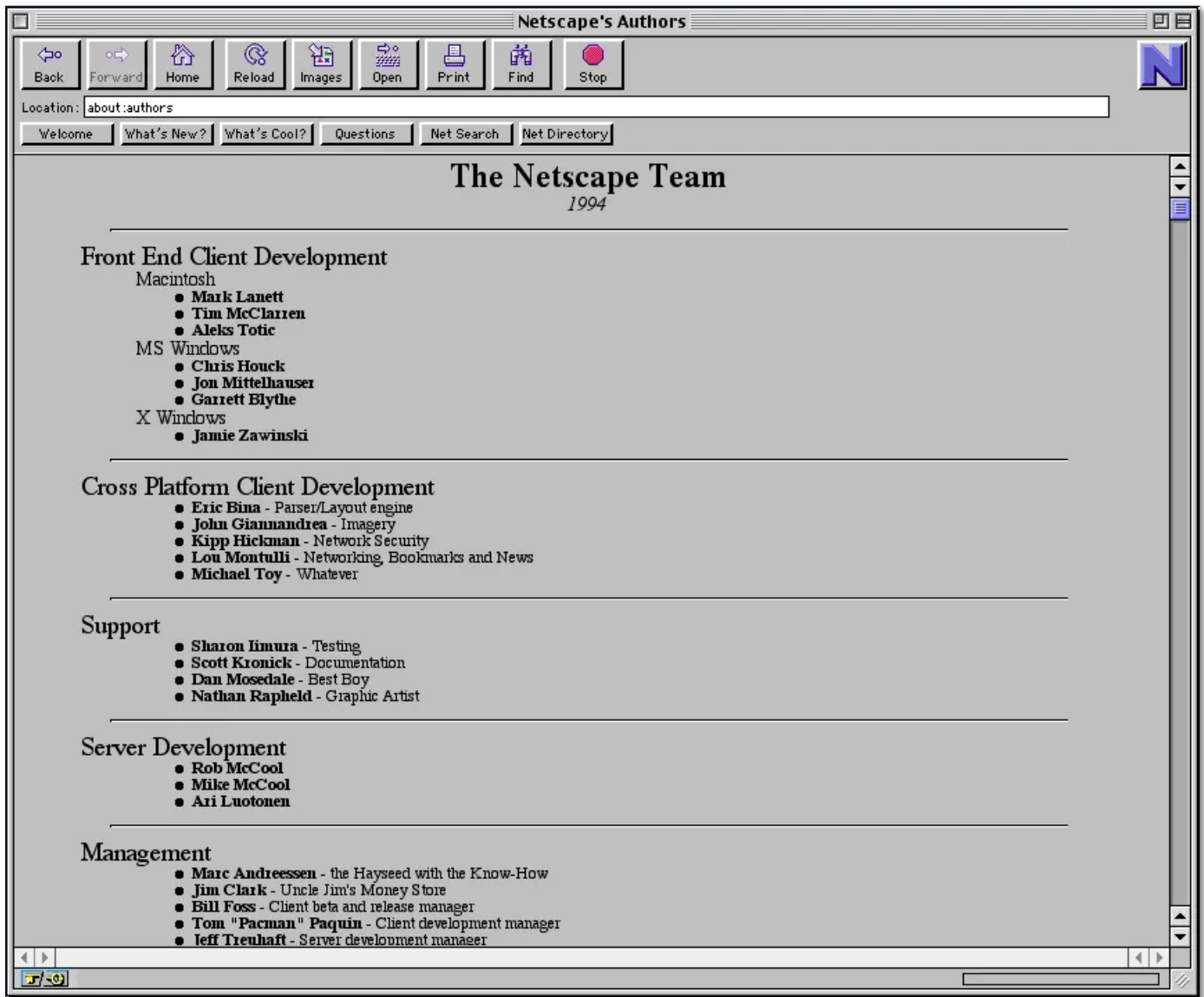
Mosaic Netscape 0.94 Beta for Mac (1994)

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Netscape Navigator 0.96 Beta for Mac (1994)

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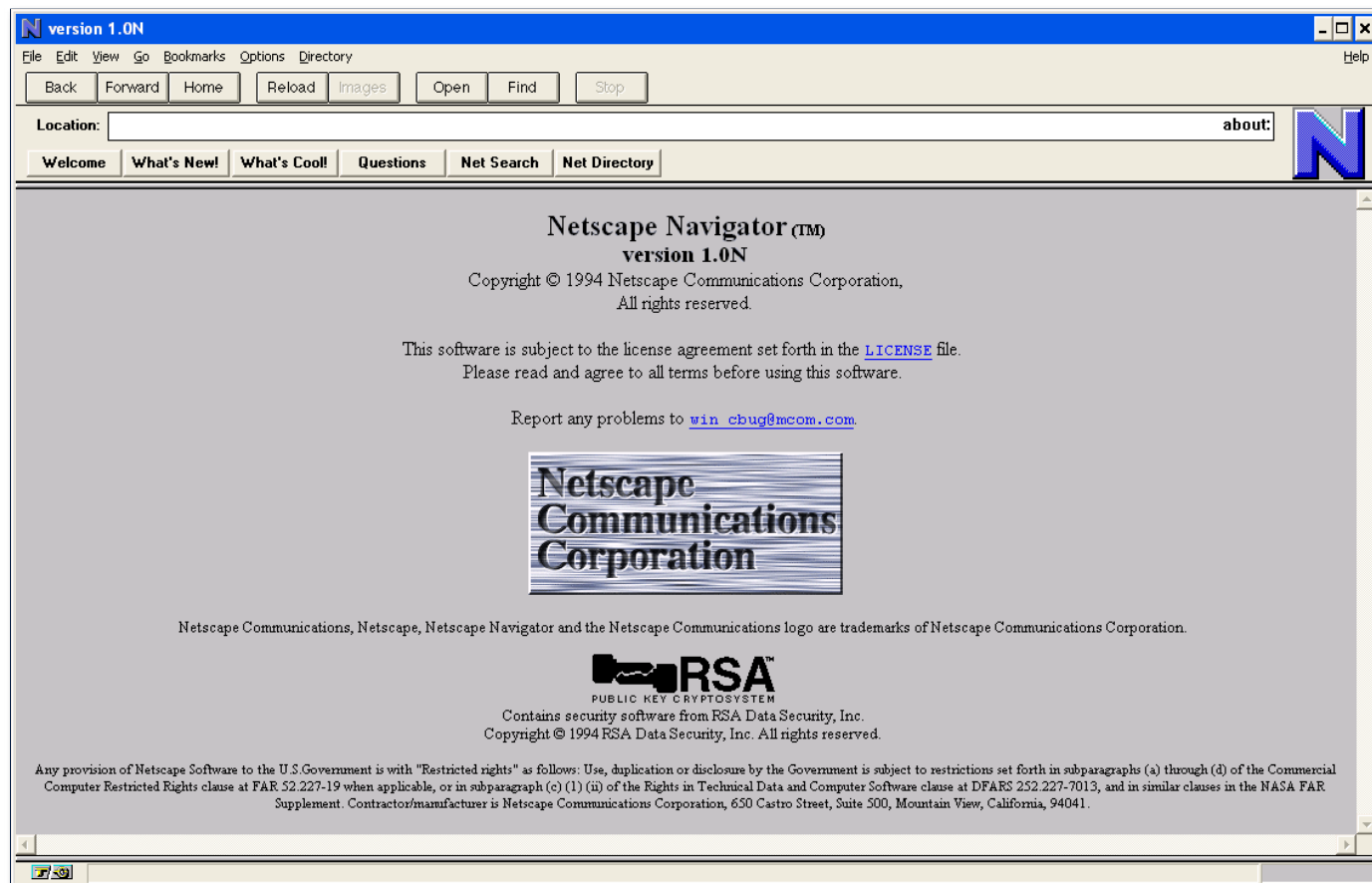


Mosaic Netscape - The Netscape Team Credits (1994)

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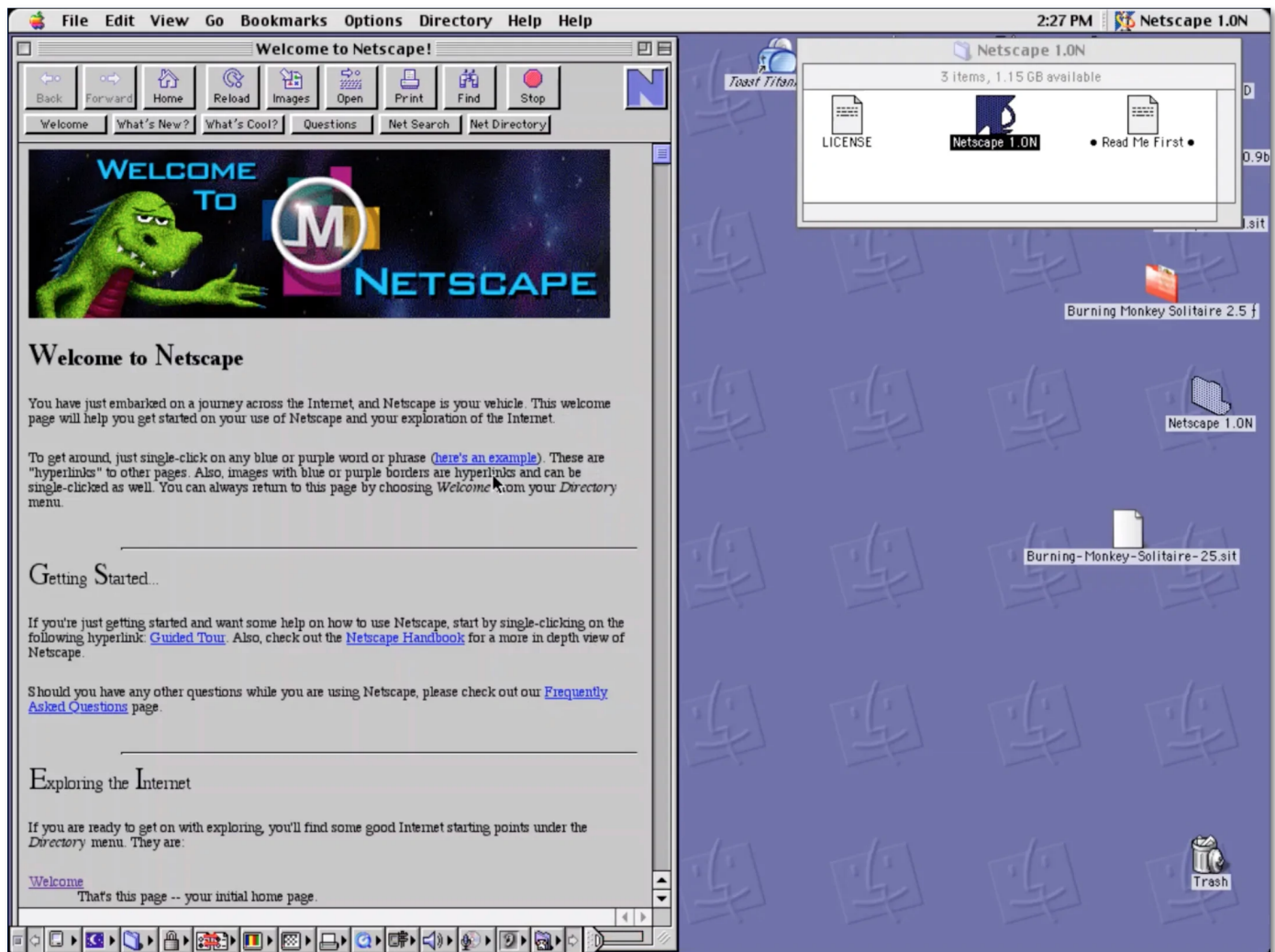
NETSCAPE NAVIGATOR 1 (1994-1995)

Navigator version 1 was wildly popular and introduced millions of people to the world wide web for the first time.



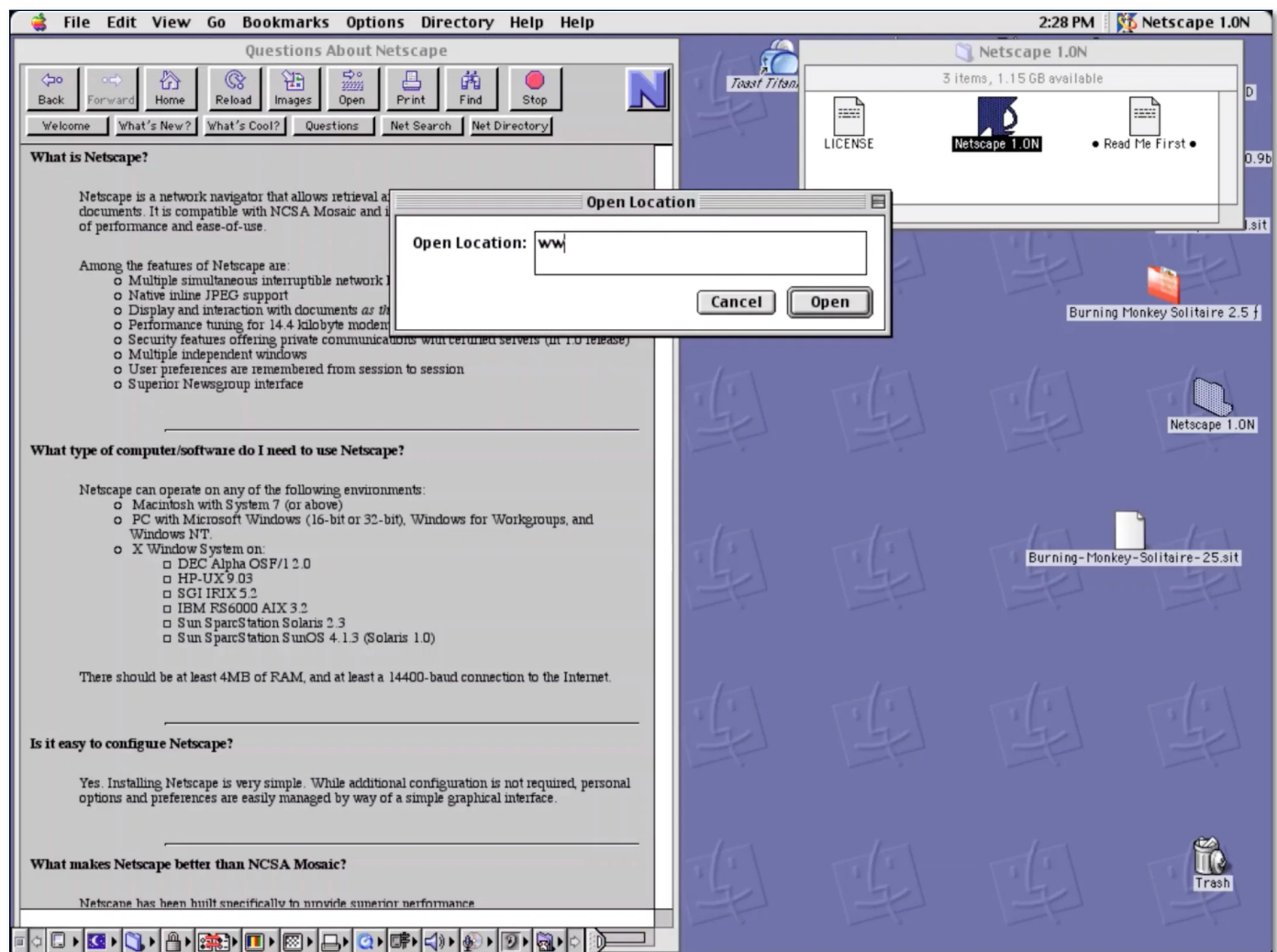
Netscape Navigator 1.0N Browser for Windows (1994)

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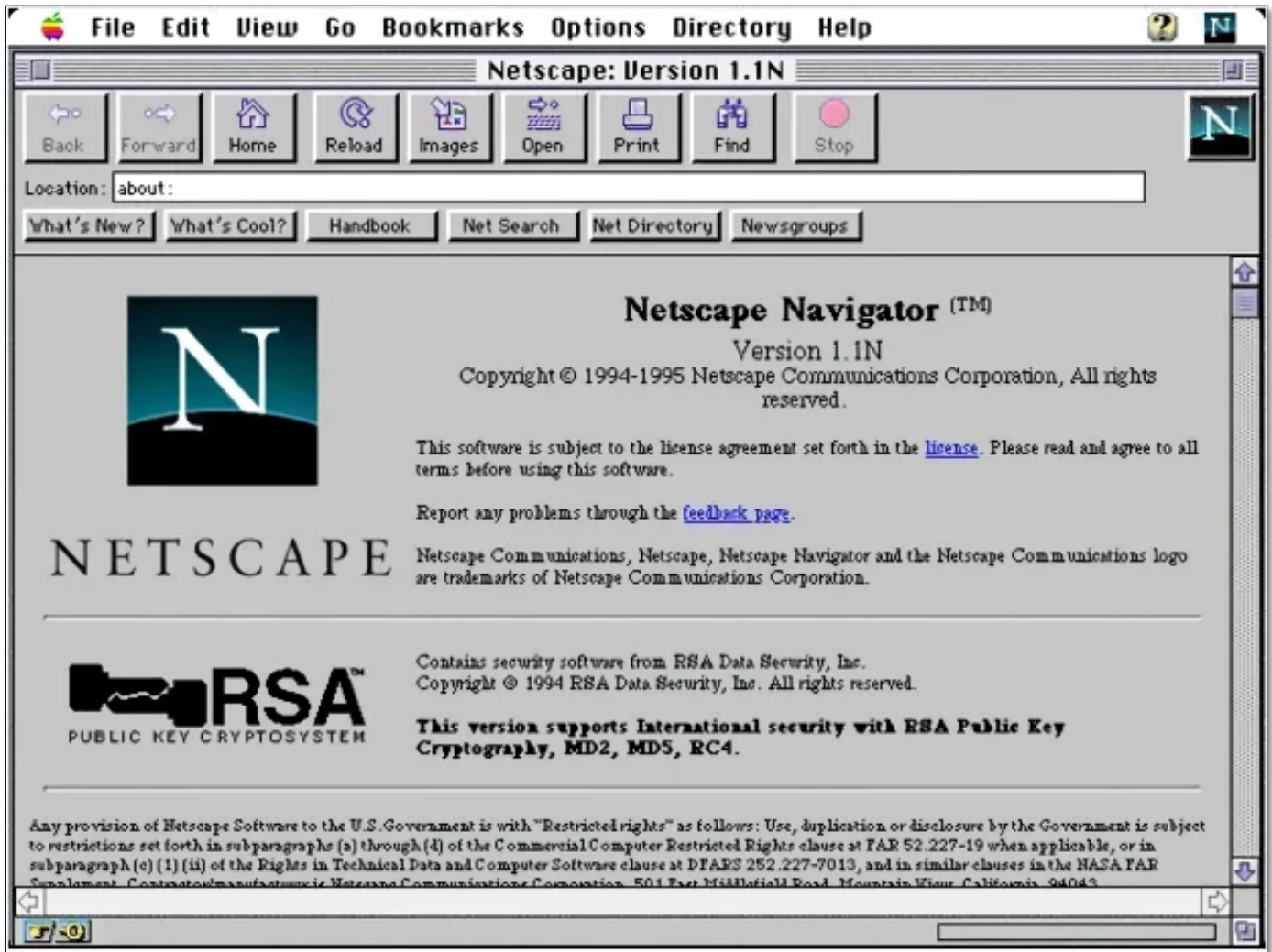
Netscape Navigator 1.0N Browser for Mac (1994)

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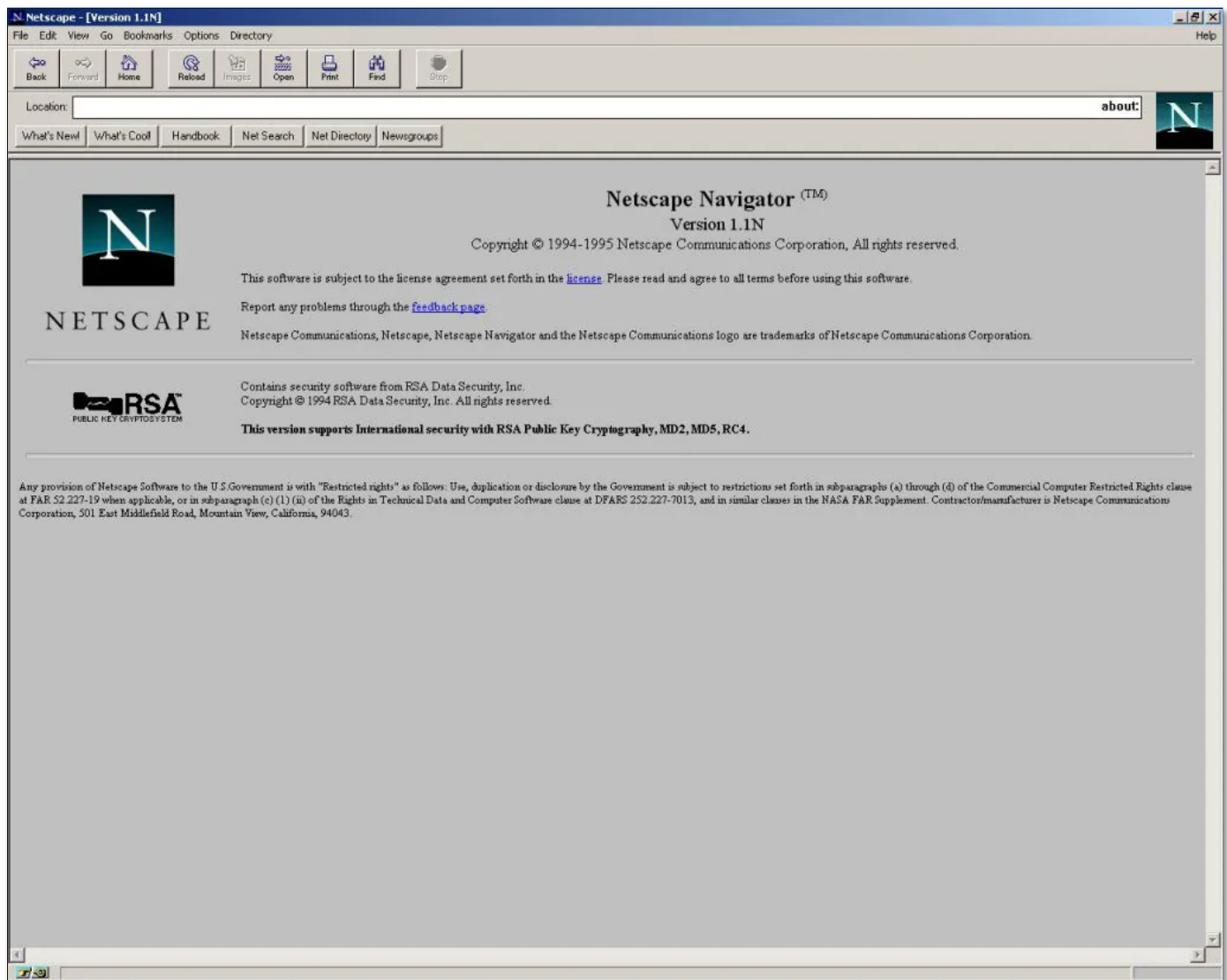
Netscape Navigator 1.0N Browser for Mac Open Location Dialog (1994)

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Netscape Navigator 1.1N Browser for Mac (1994)

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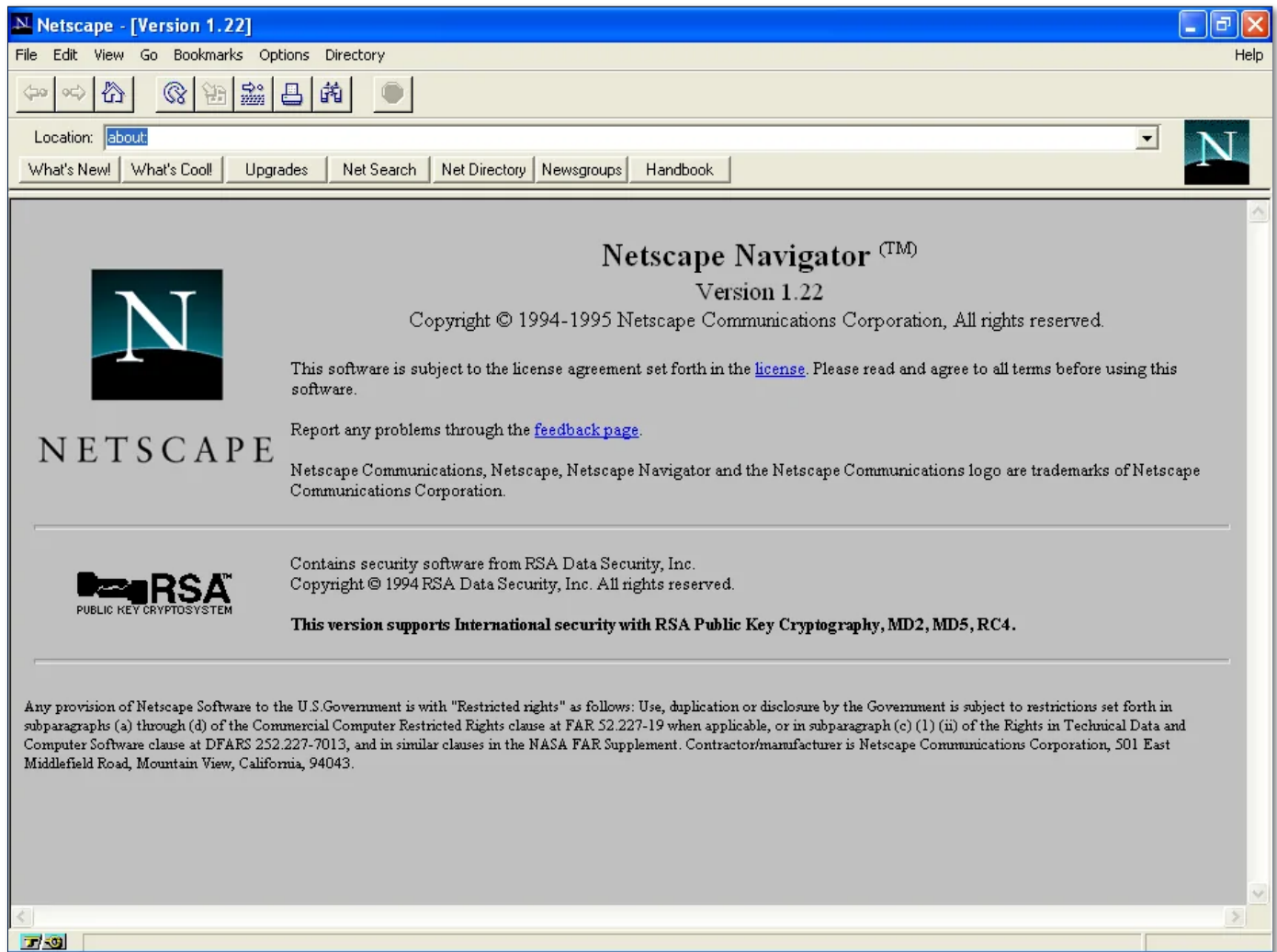
Netscape Navigator 1.1 Browser for Windows 95 (1995)

Source: [techradar.com](https://www.techradar.com)



Netscape Navigator 1.2 Browser for Windows 3.1 (1995)

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Netscape Navigator 1.22 for Windows XP About Screen (1995)

Source: redsearch.org

Netscape Navigator Web Page Loading Animation (top-right icon in browser) (1994)

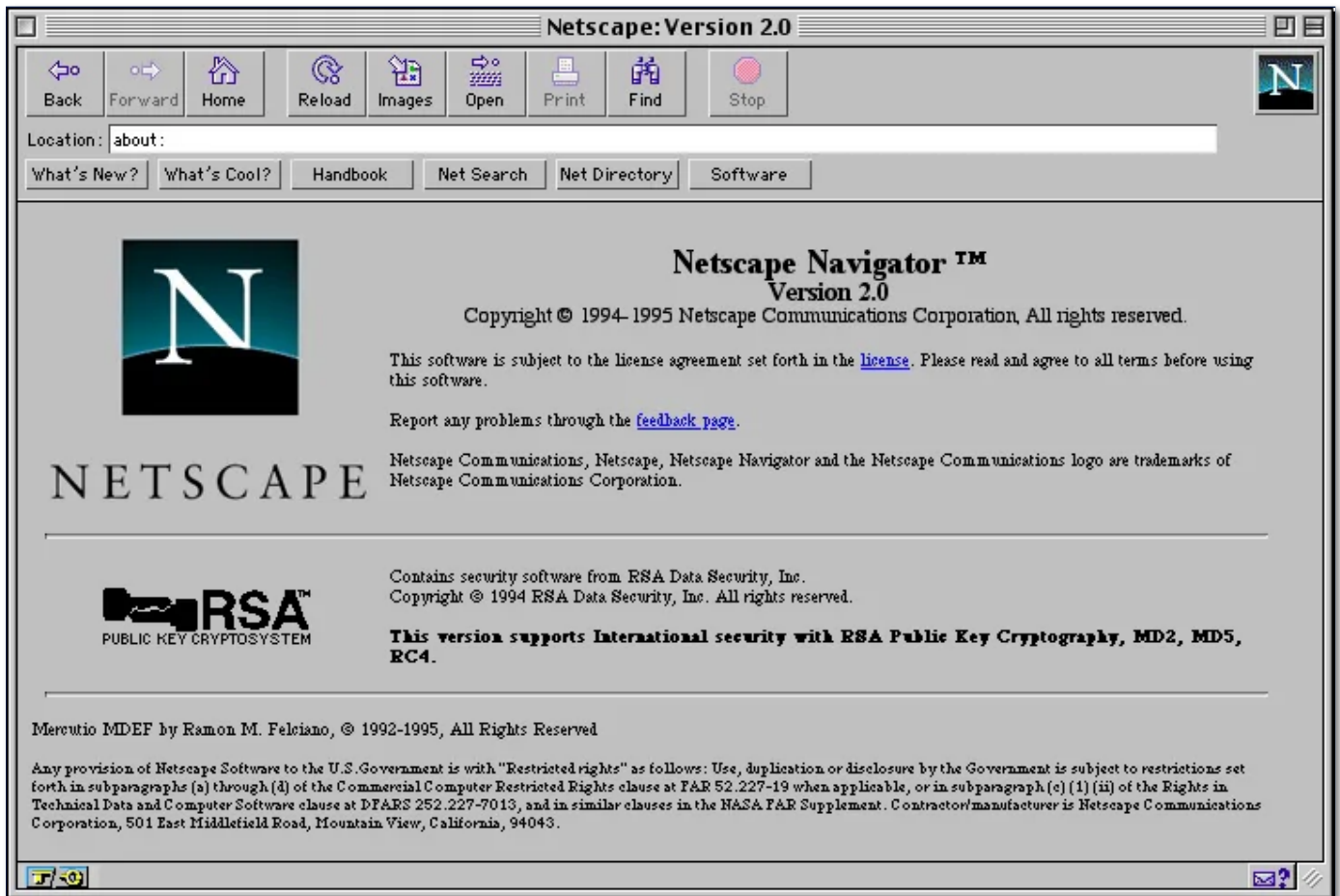
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NETSCAPE NAVIGATOR 2 (1995-1996)

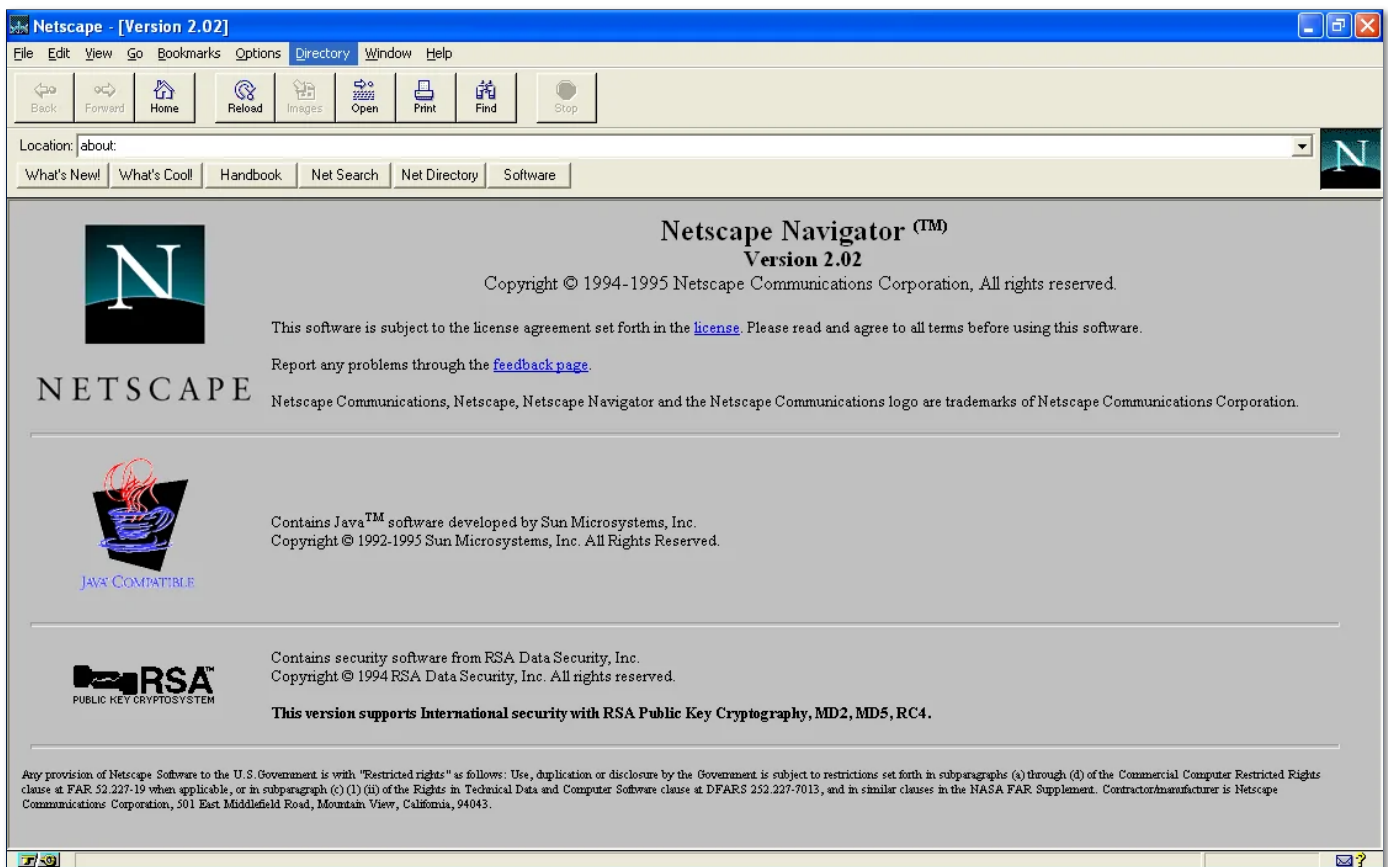


Netscape Navigator 2.0 Browser for Mac (1995)

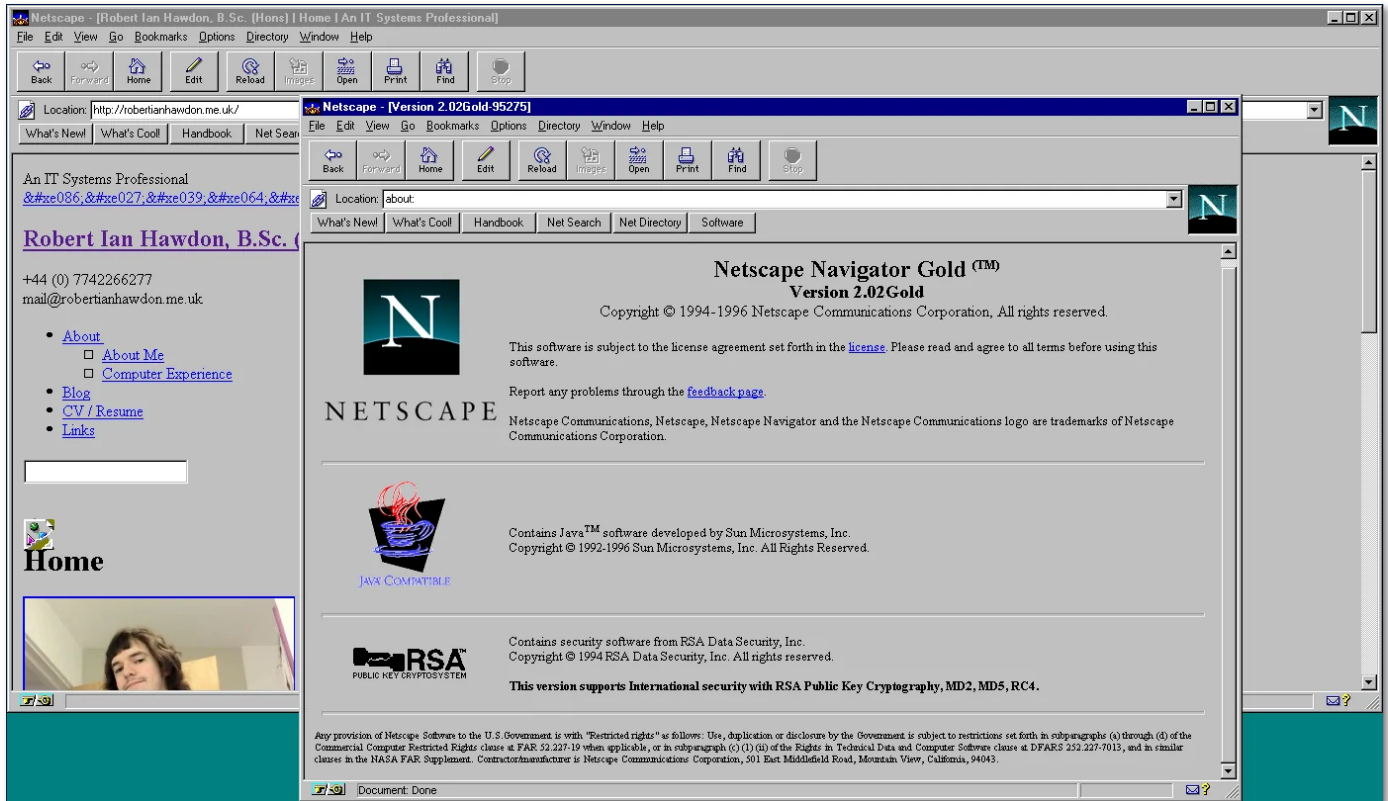
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Netscape Navigator 2.0 Browser for Mac About Screen (1995)

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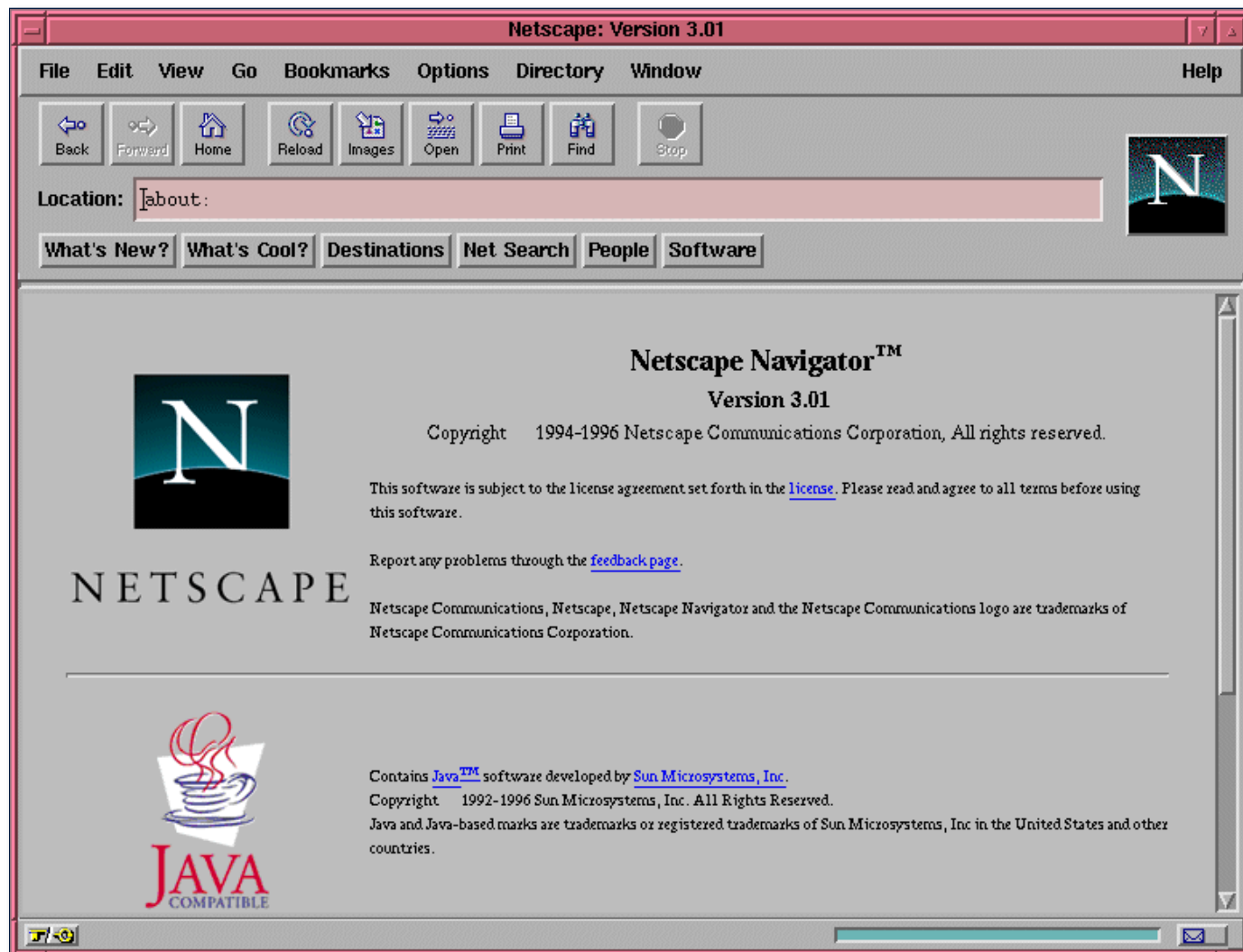
Netscape Navigator 2.02 Browser for Windows (1995)

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Netscape Navigator 2.02 Gold Browser for Windows (1996)

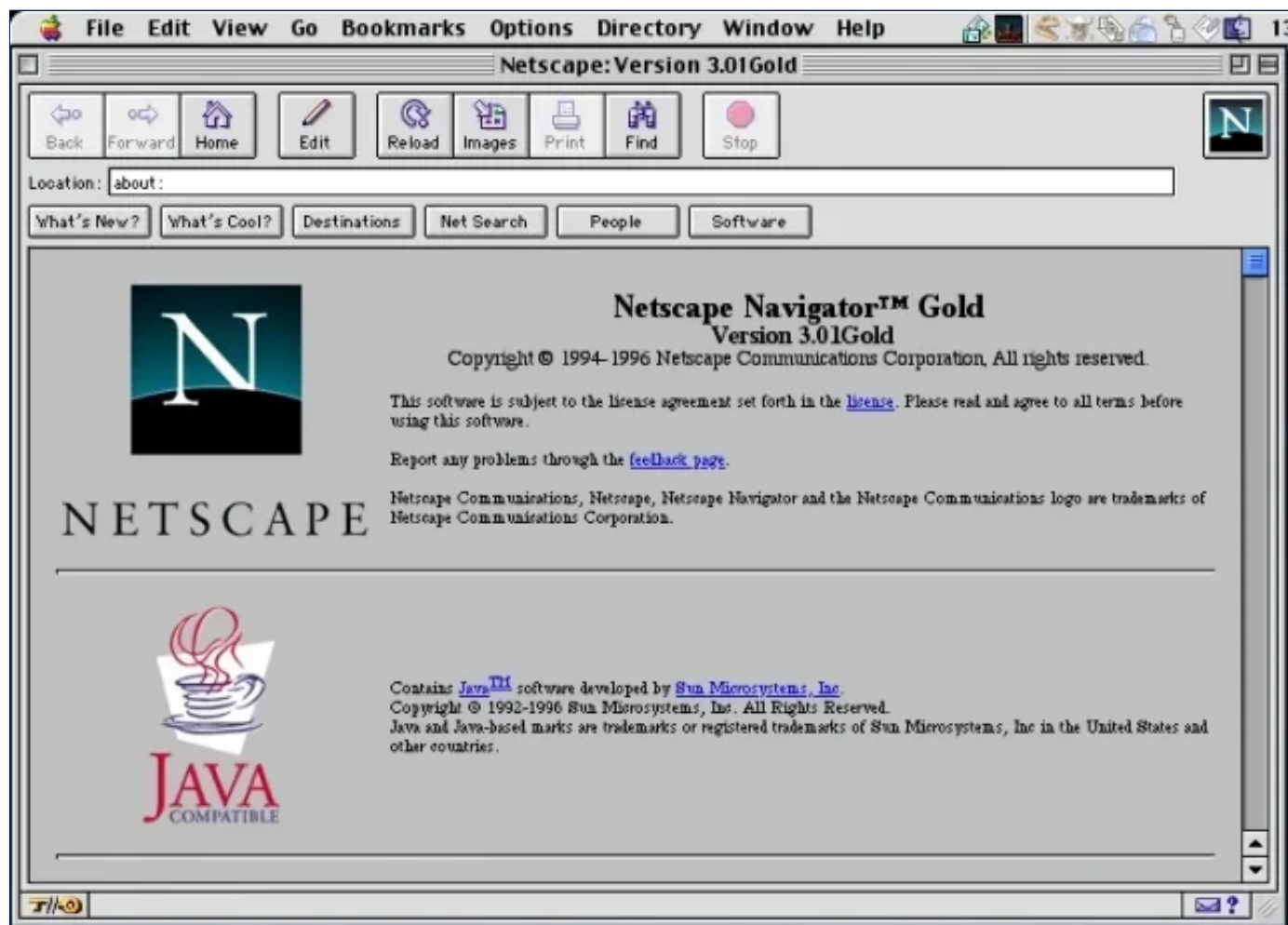
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NETSCAPE NAVIGATOR 3 (1996-1997)



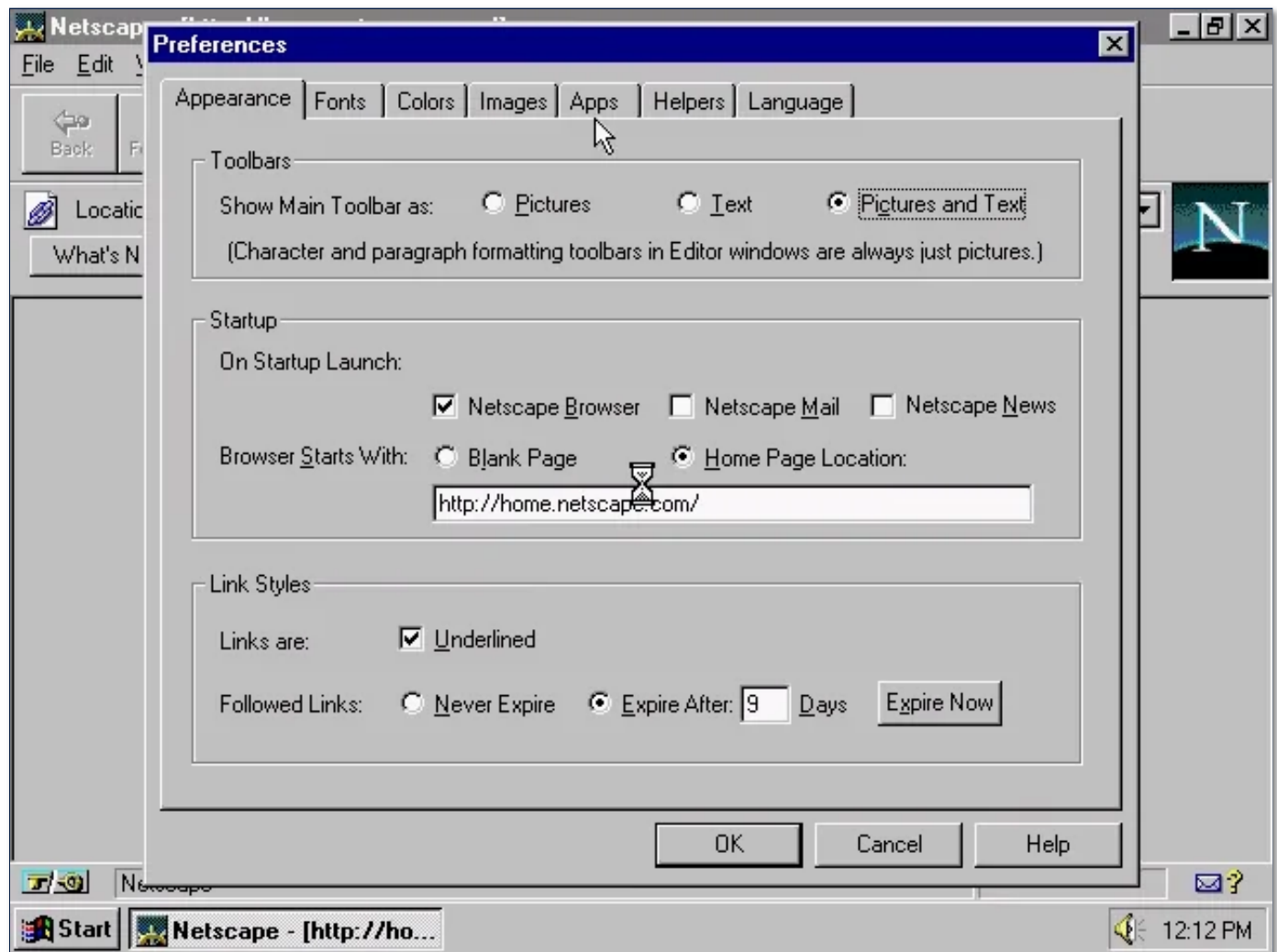
Netscape Navigator 3.01 for Unix About Screen (1996)

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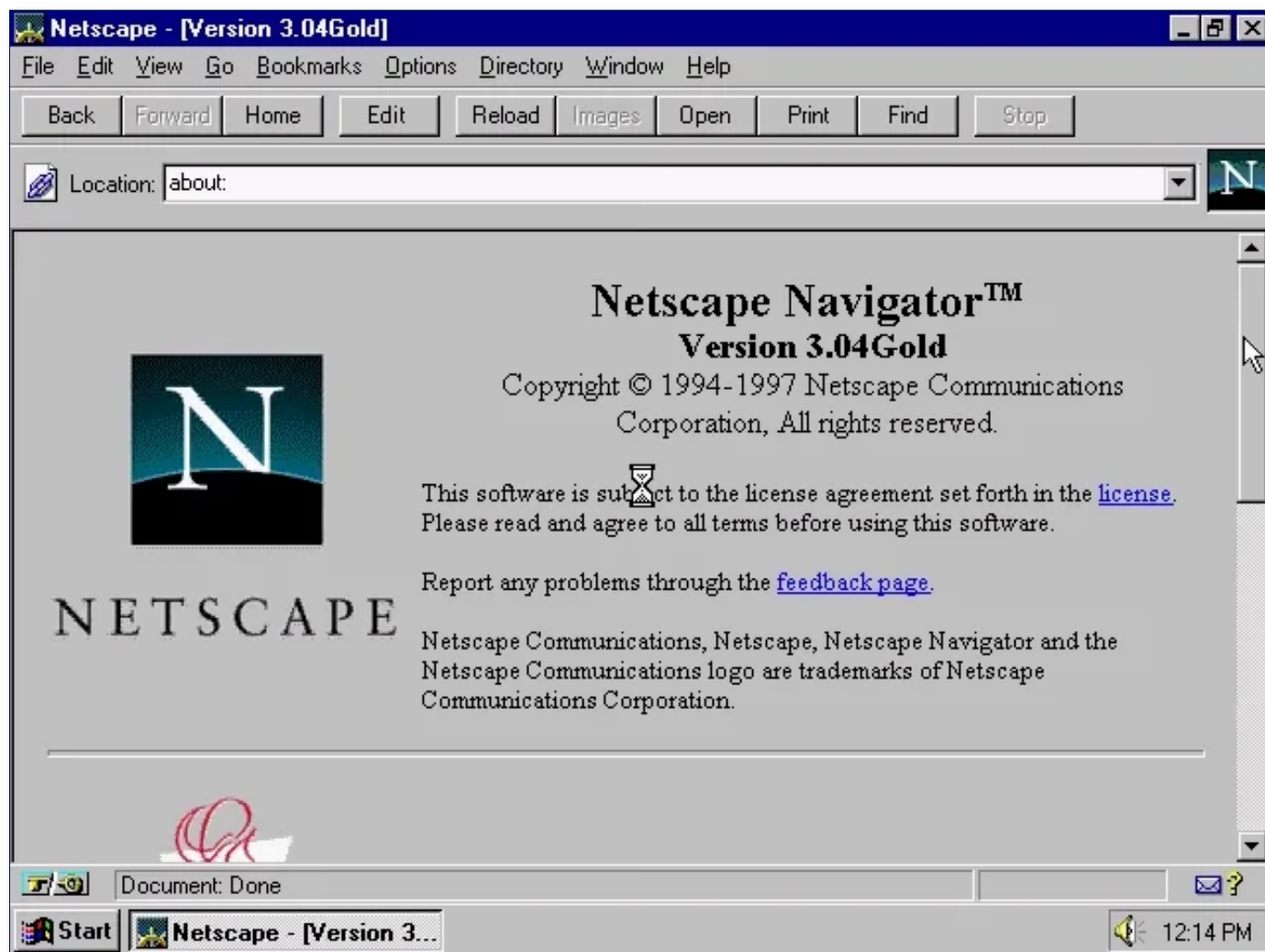
Netscape Navigator 3.01 Gold for Mac About Screen (1996)

Source: [macintoshrepository.org](https://www.macintoshrepository.org)



Netscape Navigator 3 for Windows Preferences (1997)

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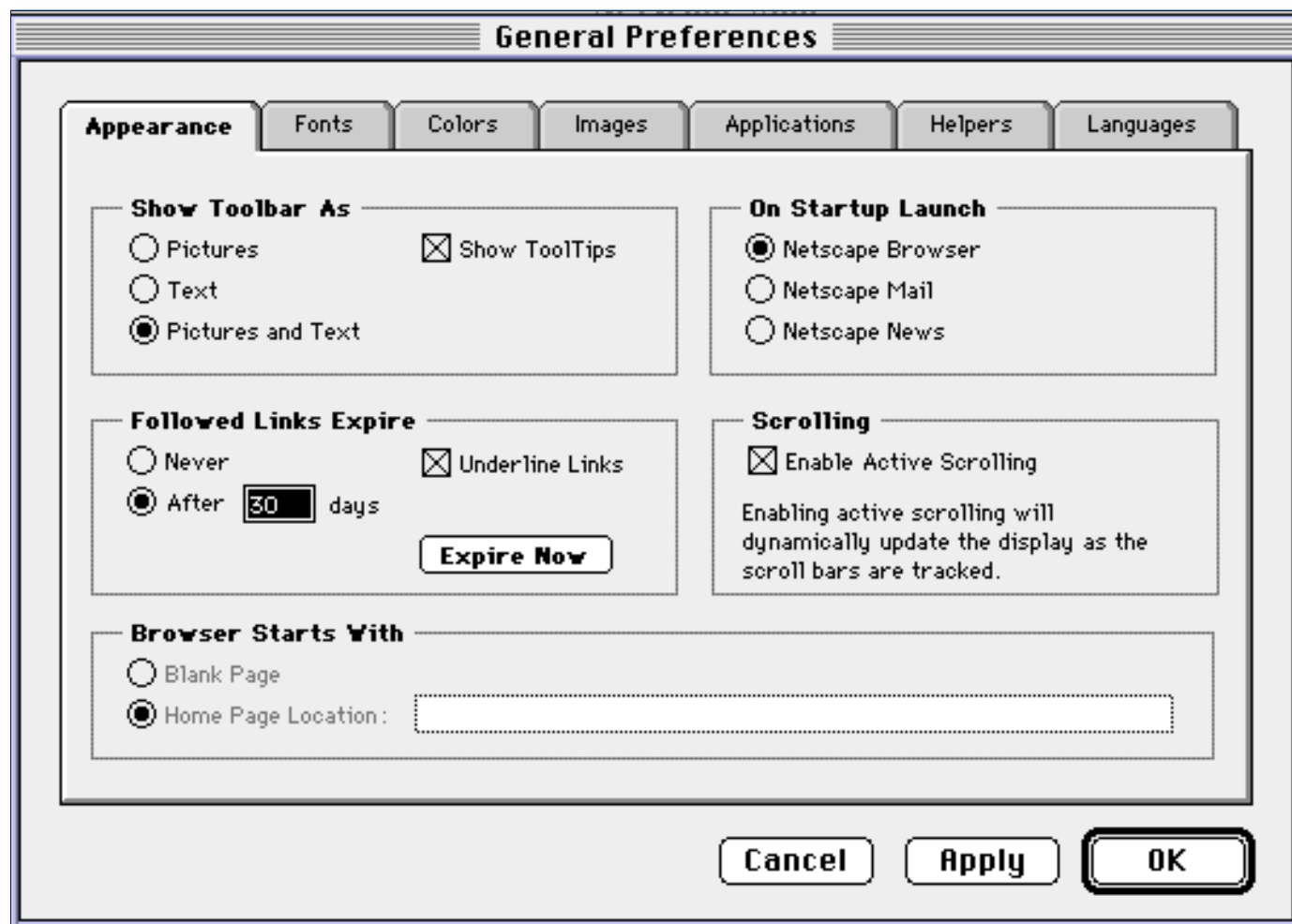
Netscape Navigator 3.04 Gold for Windows About Screen (1997)

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Netscape Navigator 3 for Mac Browsing Google (1997)

Source: macintoshgarden.org



Netscape Navigator 3 for Mac Preferences (1997)

Source: indigo.ie



Netscape Navigator 3 Gold for Windows Install/Setup (1997)

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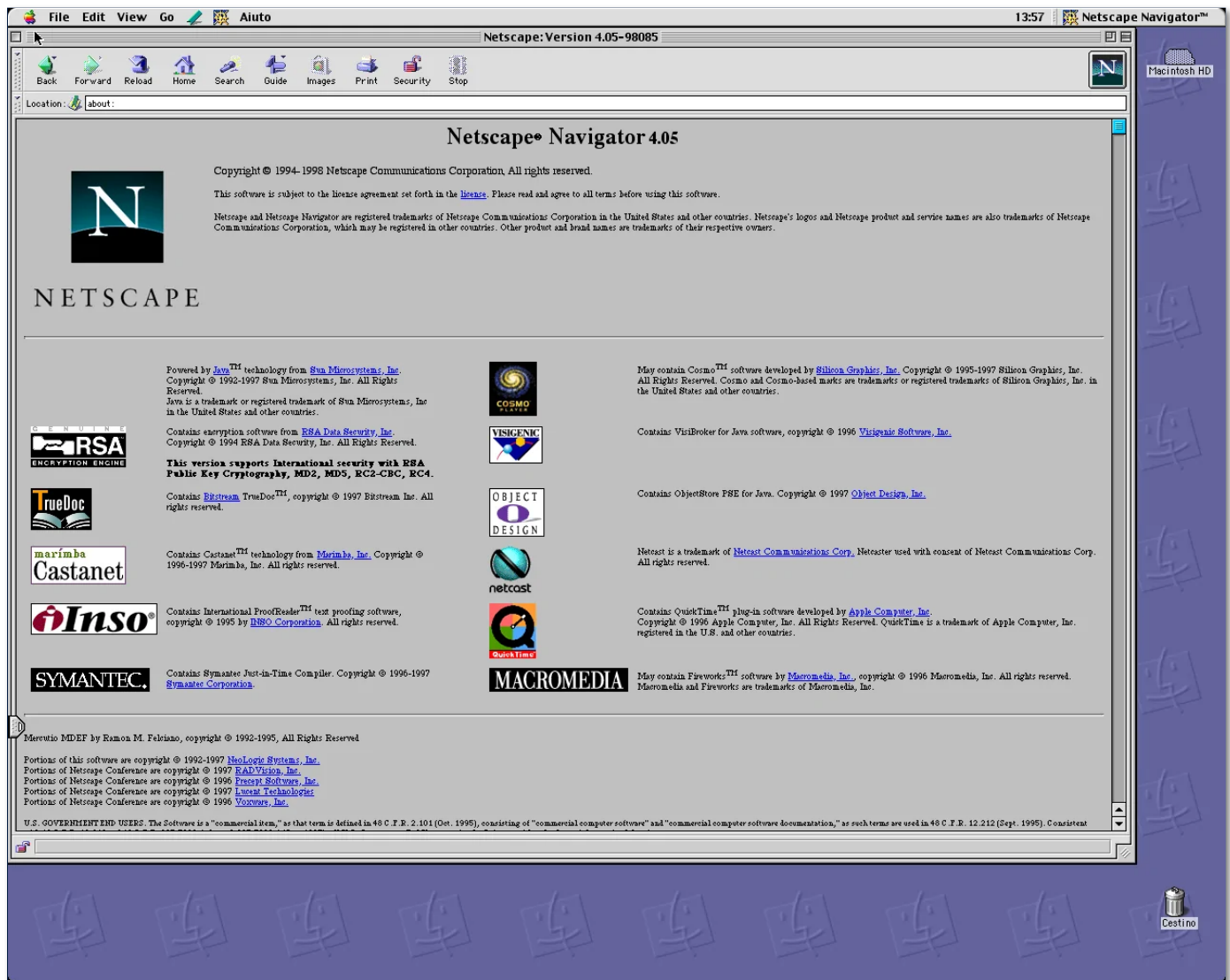
NETSCAPE NAVIGATOR 4 (1997-1998)

1998 saw the rise of the rival Internet Explorer browser, which eventually would take over the market. America Online (AOL) announced in November it was acquiring Netscape Corporation or \$4.2 billion. Incidentally, Netscape created the open source project Mozilla in this year, which would go on to create the Firefox browser.



Netscape Navigator 4.04 for Windows About Screen (1997)

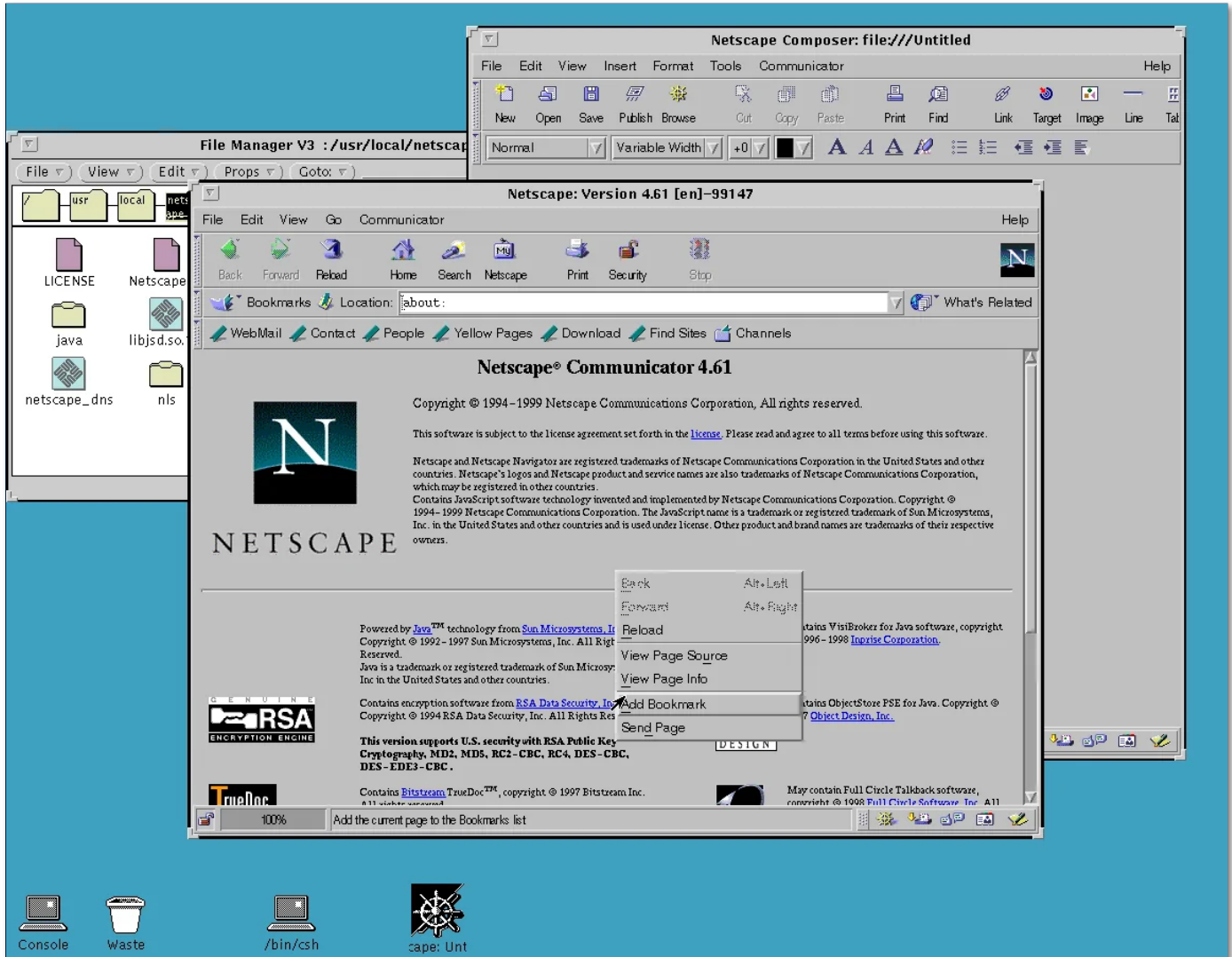
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Netscape Navigator 4.05 for Mac (1998)

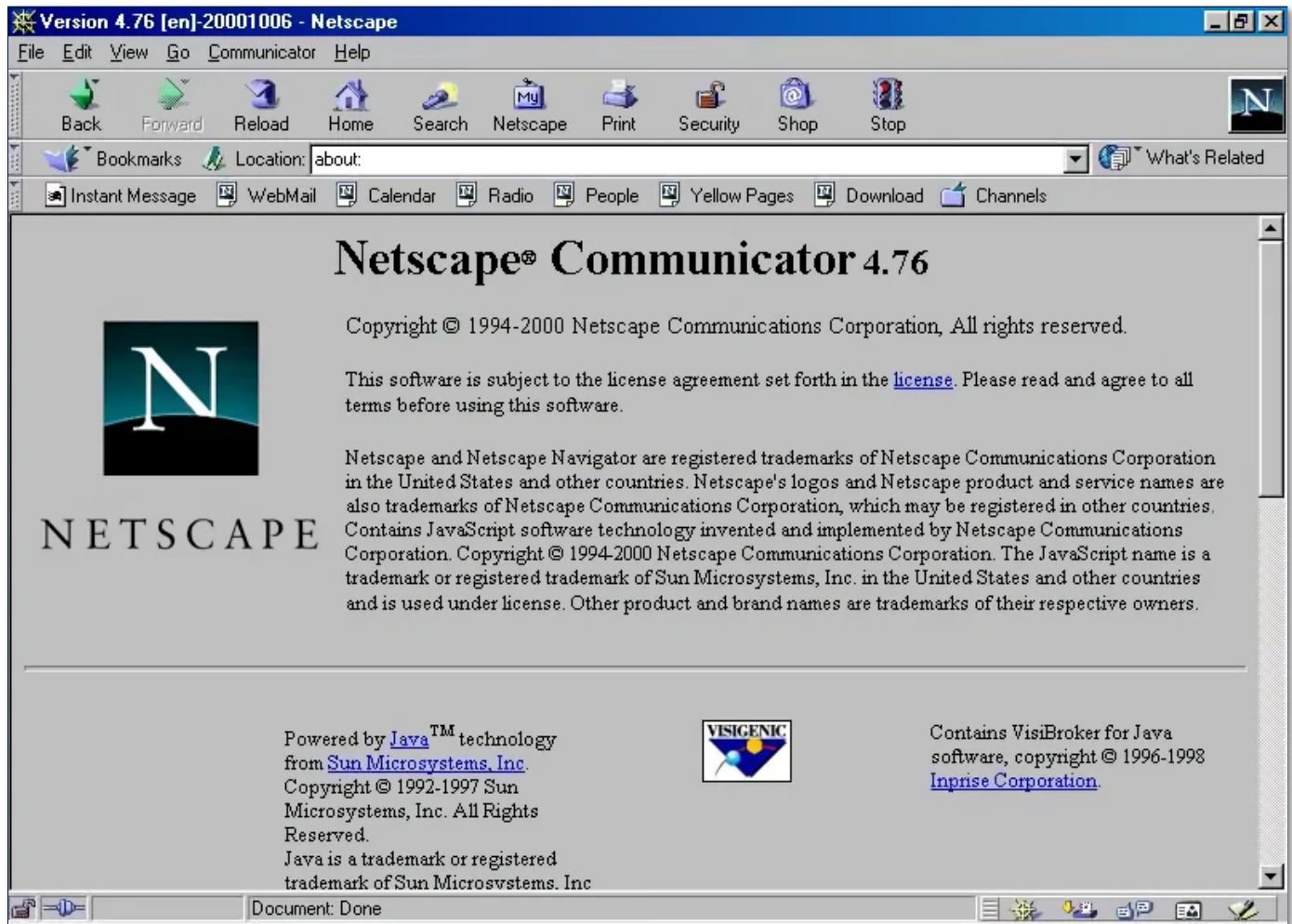
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NETSCAPE COMMUNICATOR 4 (1998-2002)



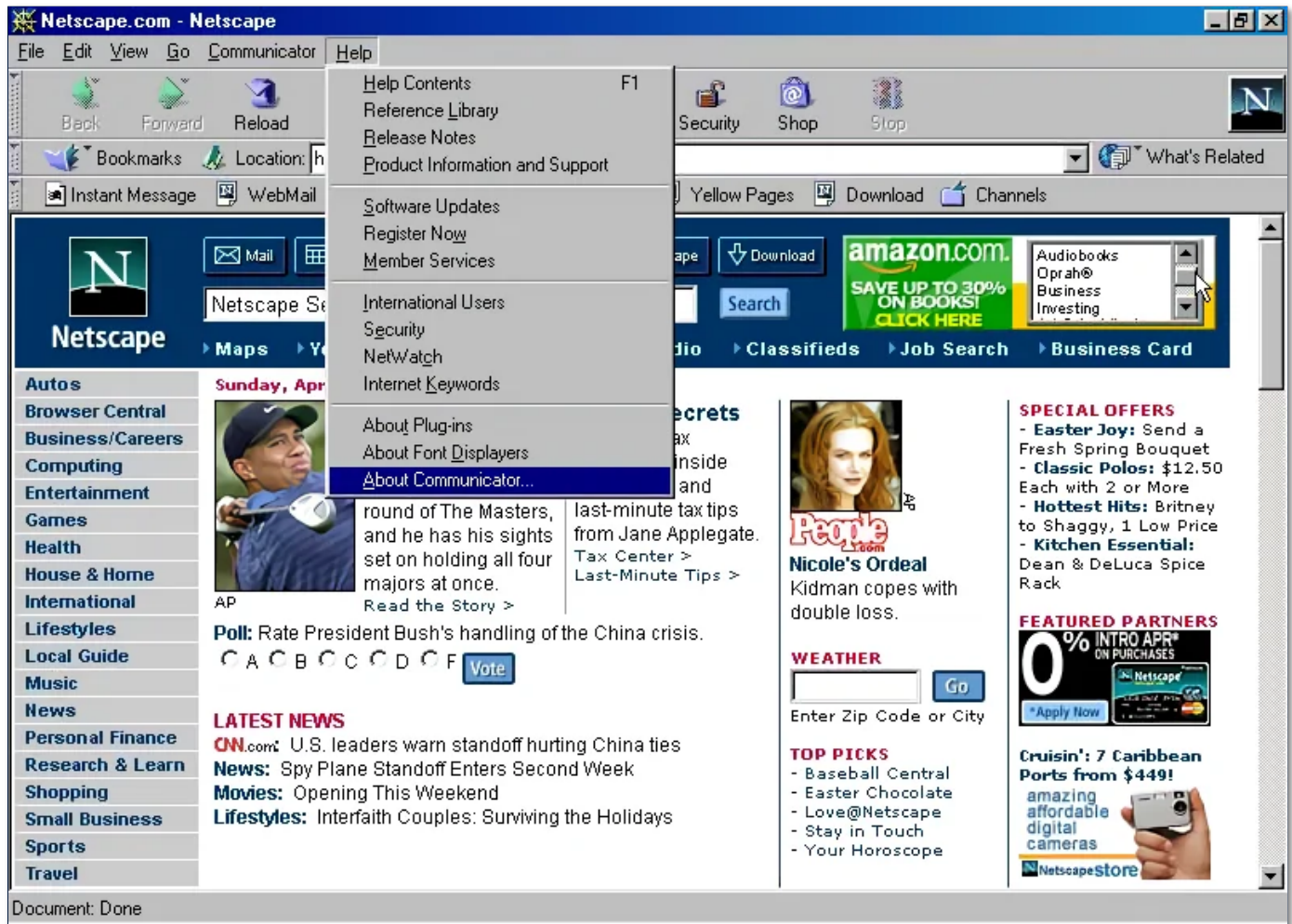
Netscape Communicator 4.61 for SunOS About Screen (1999)

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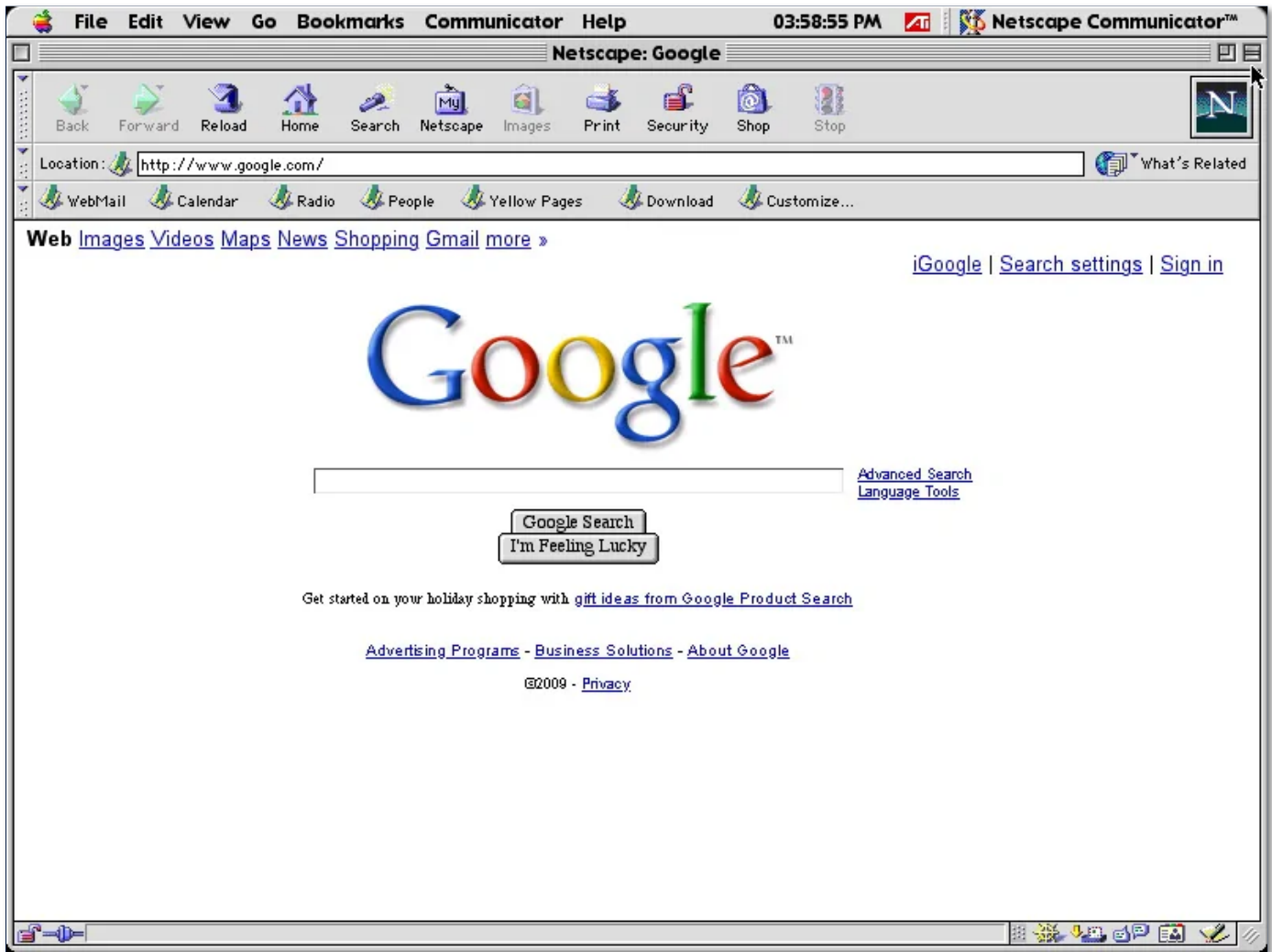
Netscape Communicator 4.76 for Windows About Screen (2000)

Source: medium.com



Netscape Communicator 4.76 for Windows showing Netscape.com (2000)

Source: eikids.com



Netscape Communicator 4.8 for Mac performing Google Search in 2009 (2002)

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NETSCAPE 6 (2000-2002)

Netscape never released a version 5 of the browser.



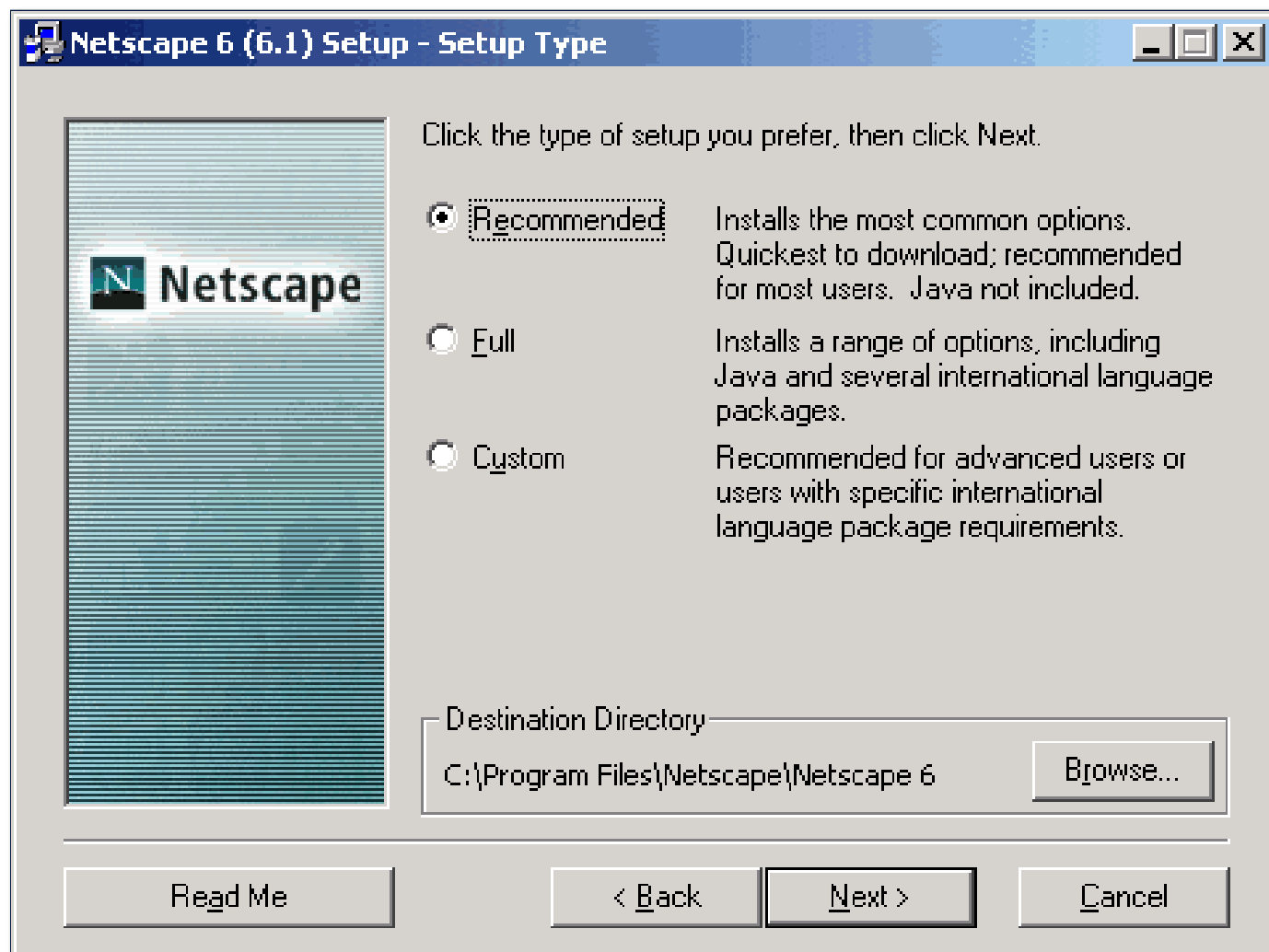
Netscape 6 for Mac What's New (2000)

Source: lowendmac.com



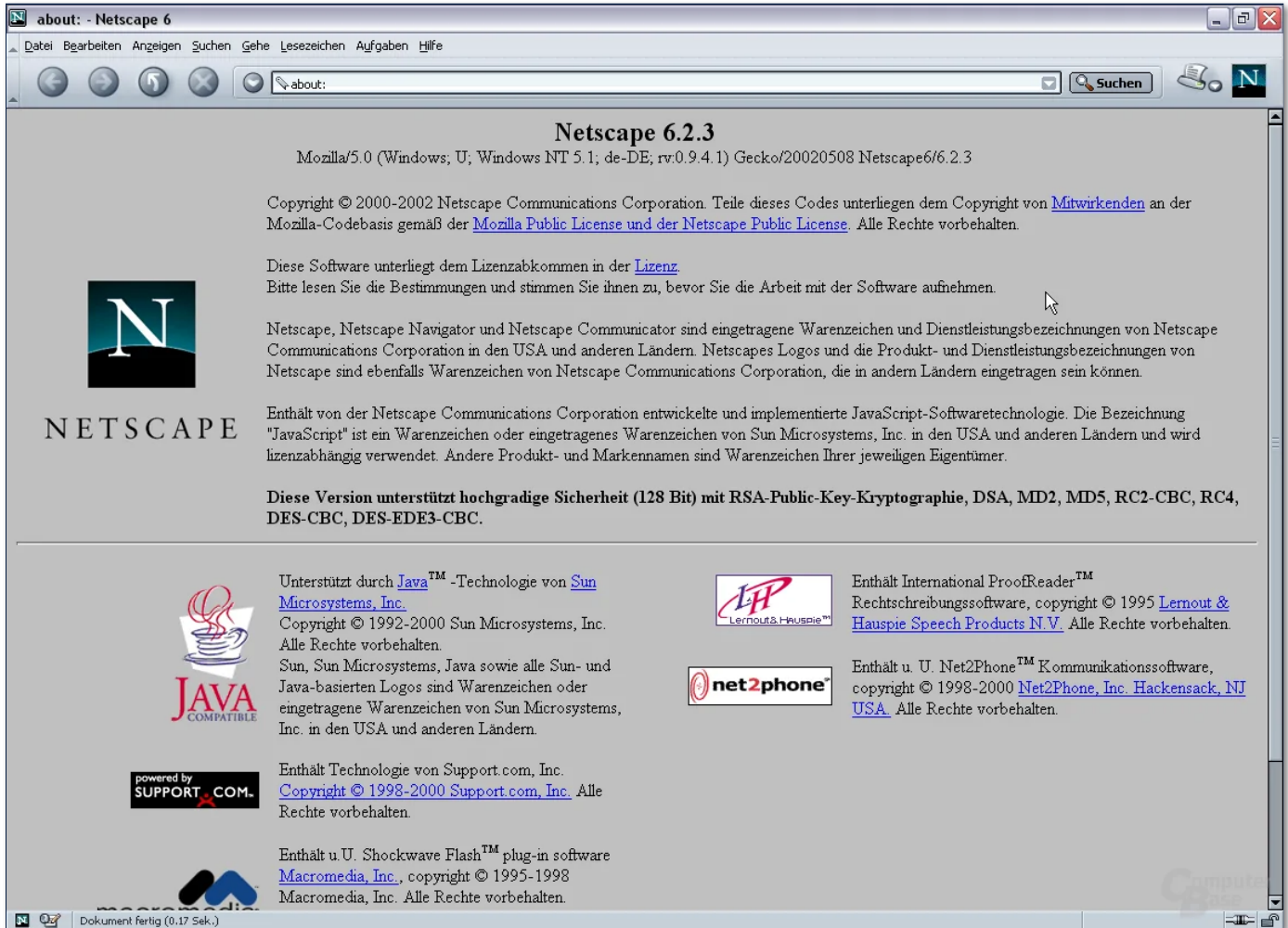
Netscape 6 for Windows showing Wikipedia (2000)

Source: wikipedia.org



Netscape 6.1 Windows Installer (2001)

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Netscape 6.2.3 for Windows (German) (2002)

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NETSCAPE 7 (2002-2004)



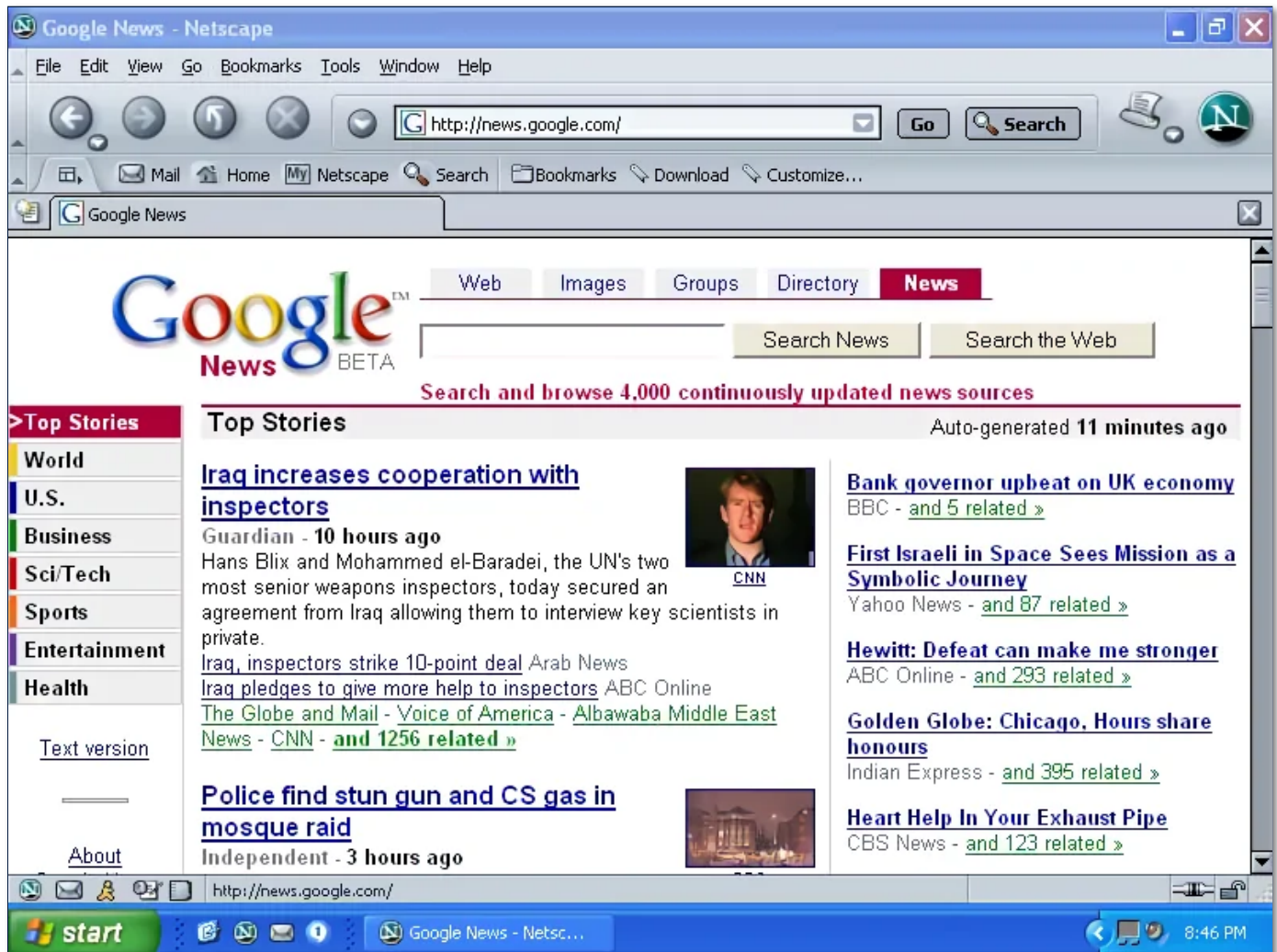
Netscape 7 for Windows (2002)

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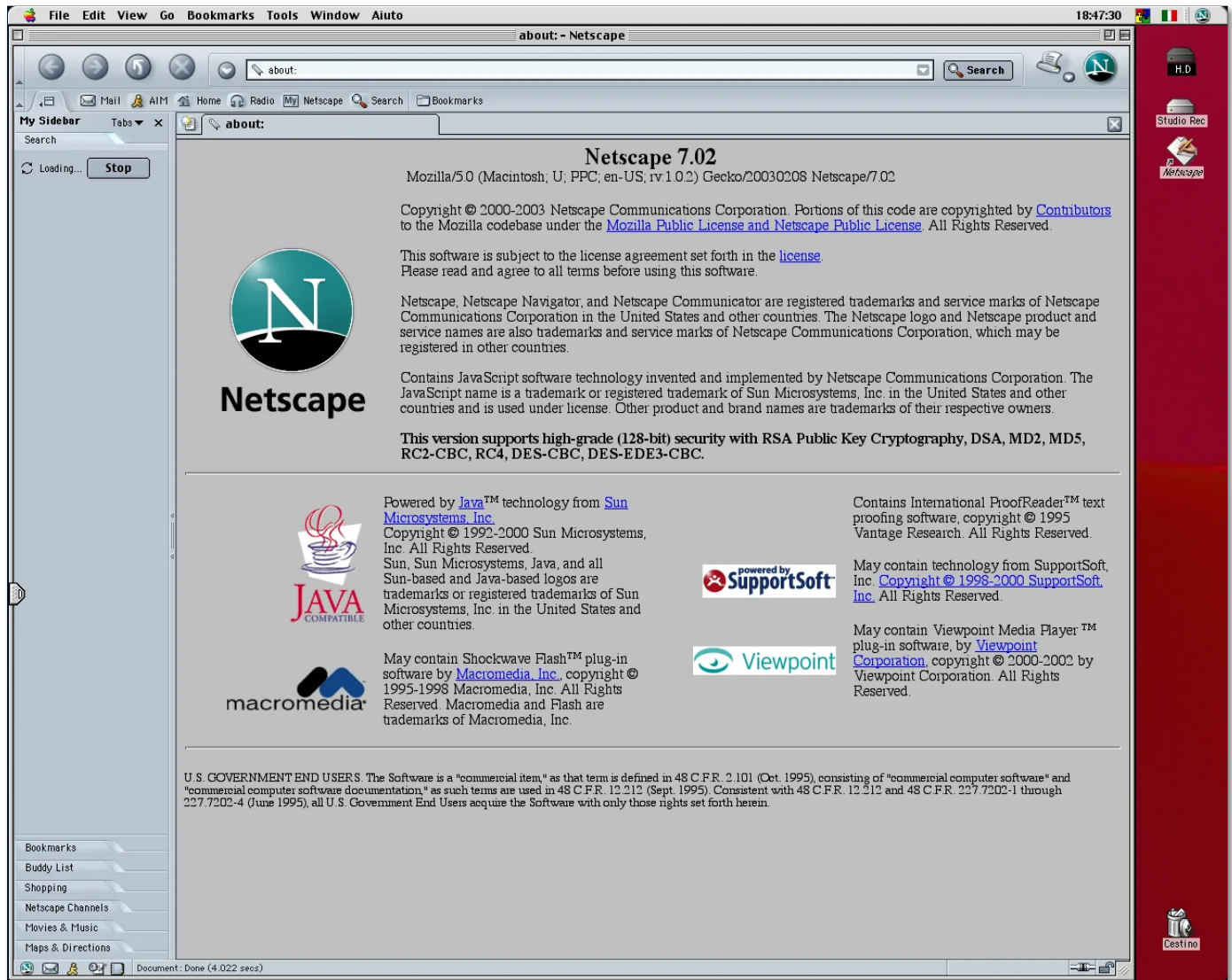
Netscape 7 for Mac (2002)

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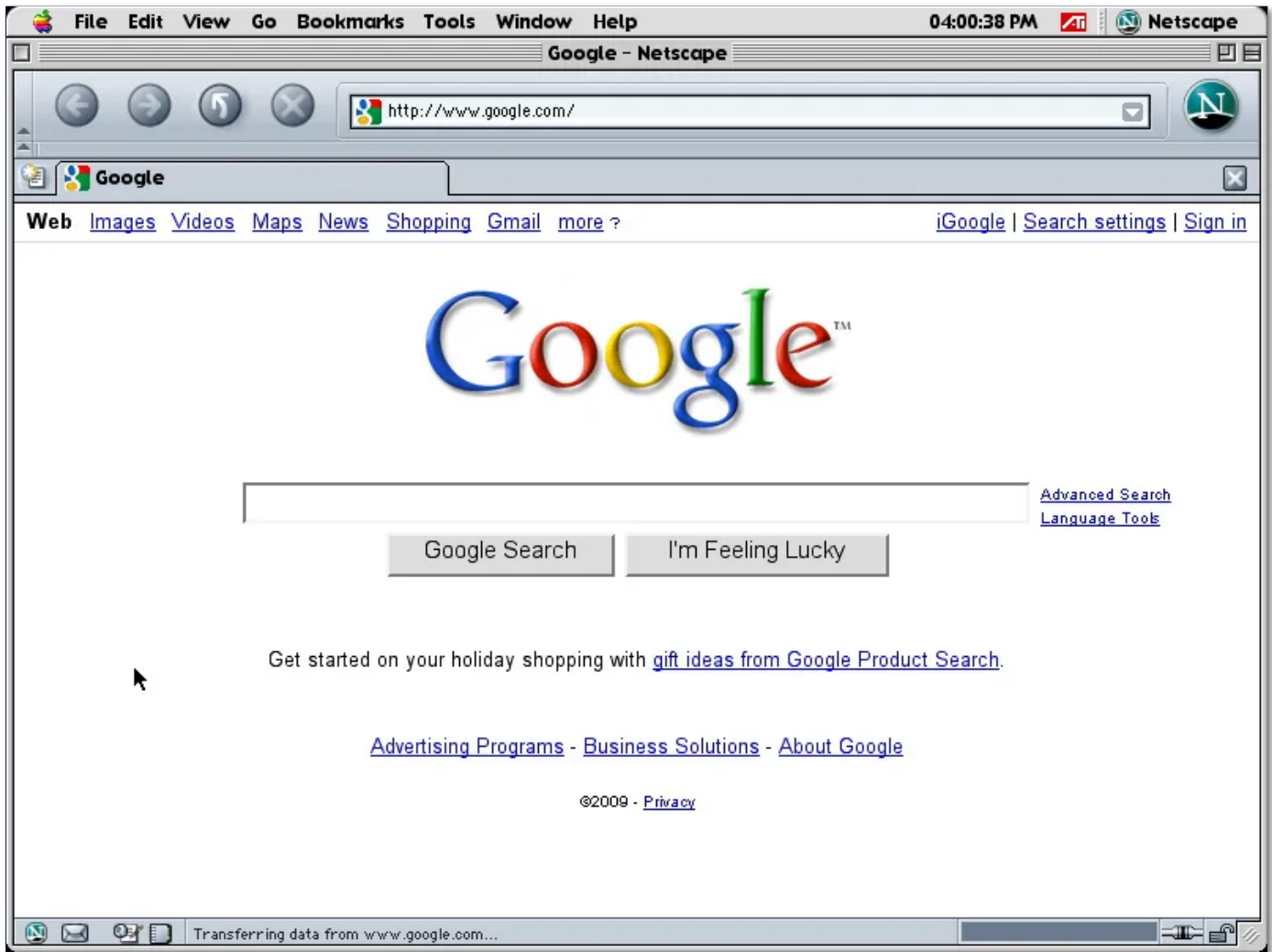
Netscape 7 for Windows showing Google News (2003)

Source: geocities.ws



Netscape 7.02 for Mac About Screen (2003)

Source: supervinx.com

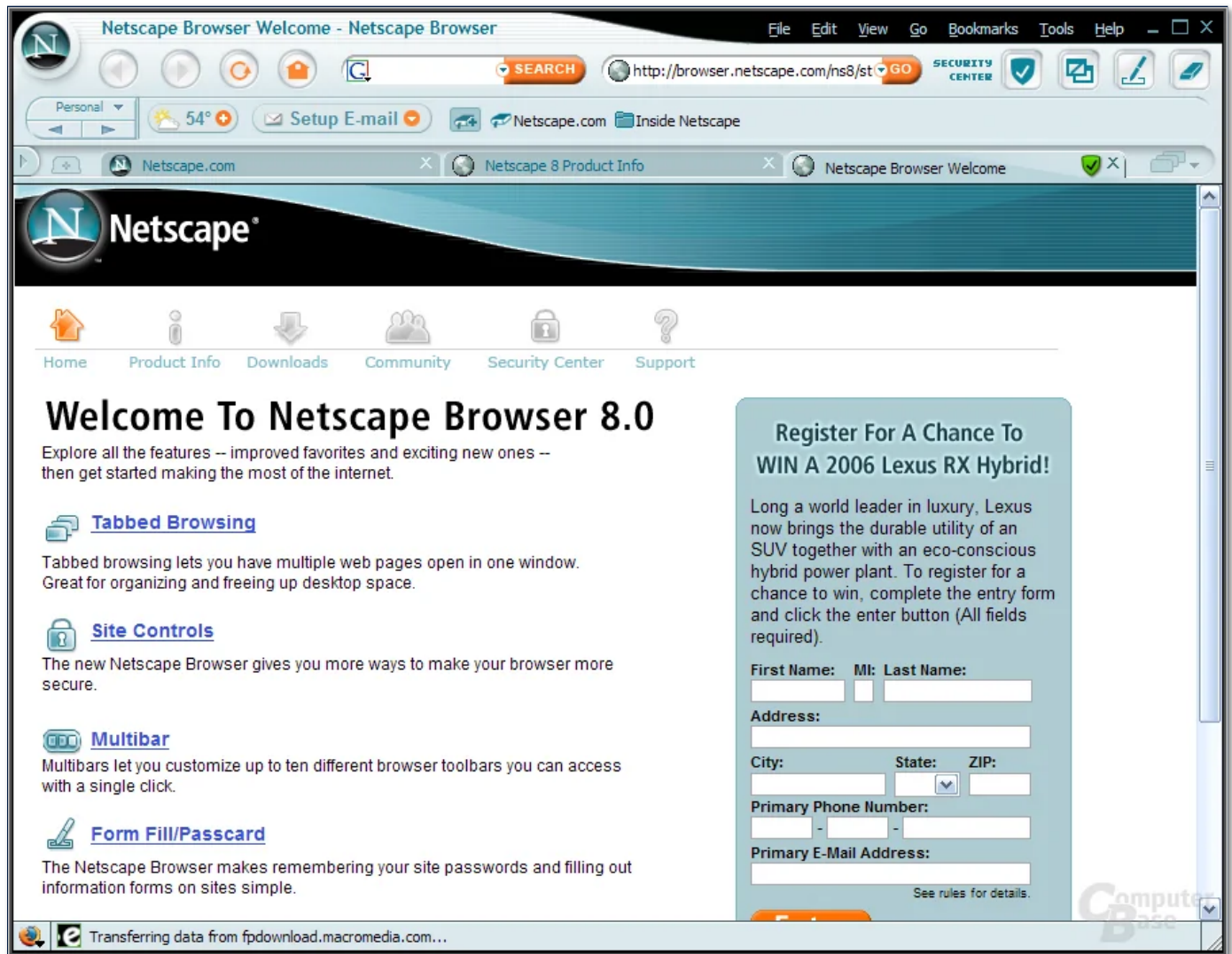


Netscape 7 for Mac performing 2009 Google Search (2003)

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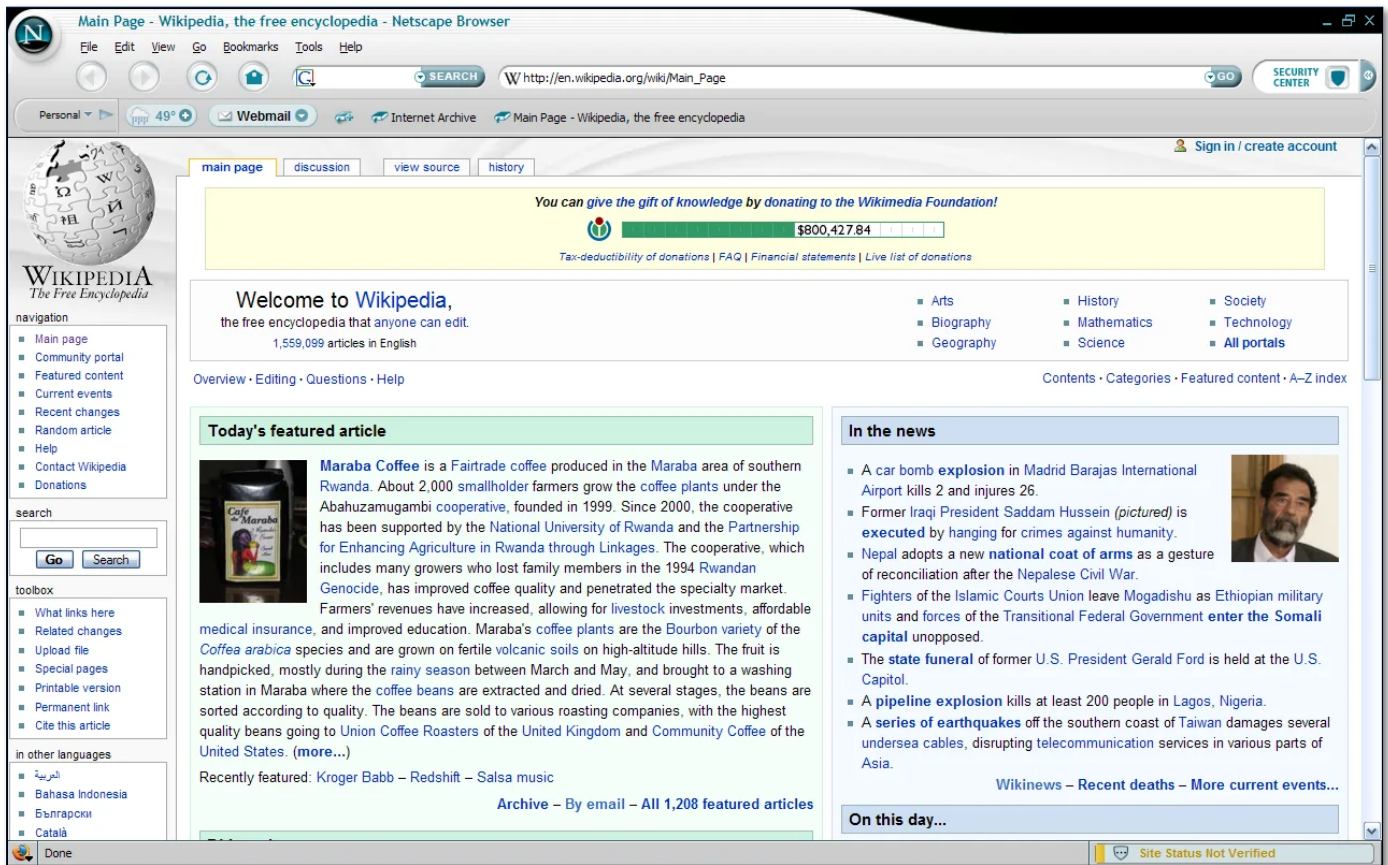
NETSCAPE BROWSER 8 (2004-2007)

This browser was released only for Microsoft Windows. It was based on Mozilla's Firefox browser, which was gaining popularity at the time. Netscape 8 was an oddity in that it could use both its own [Gecko rendering engine](#) and Microsoft's [Trident engine](#).



Netscape 8 for Windows Start Page (2006)

Source: computerbase.de



Netscape 8 for Windows showing Wikipedia (2006)

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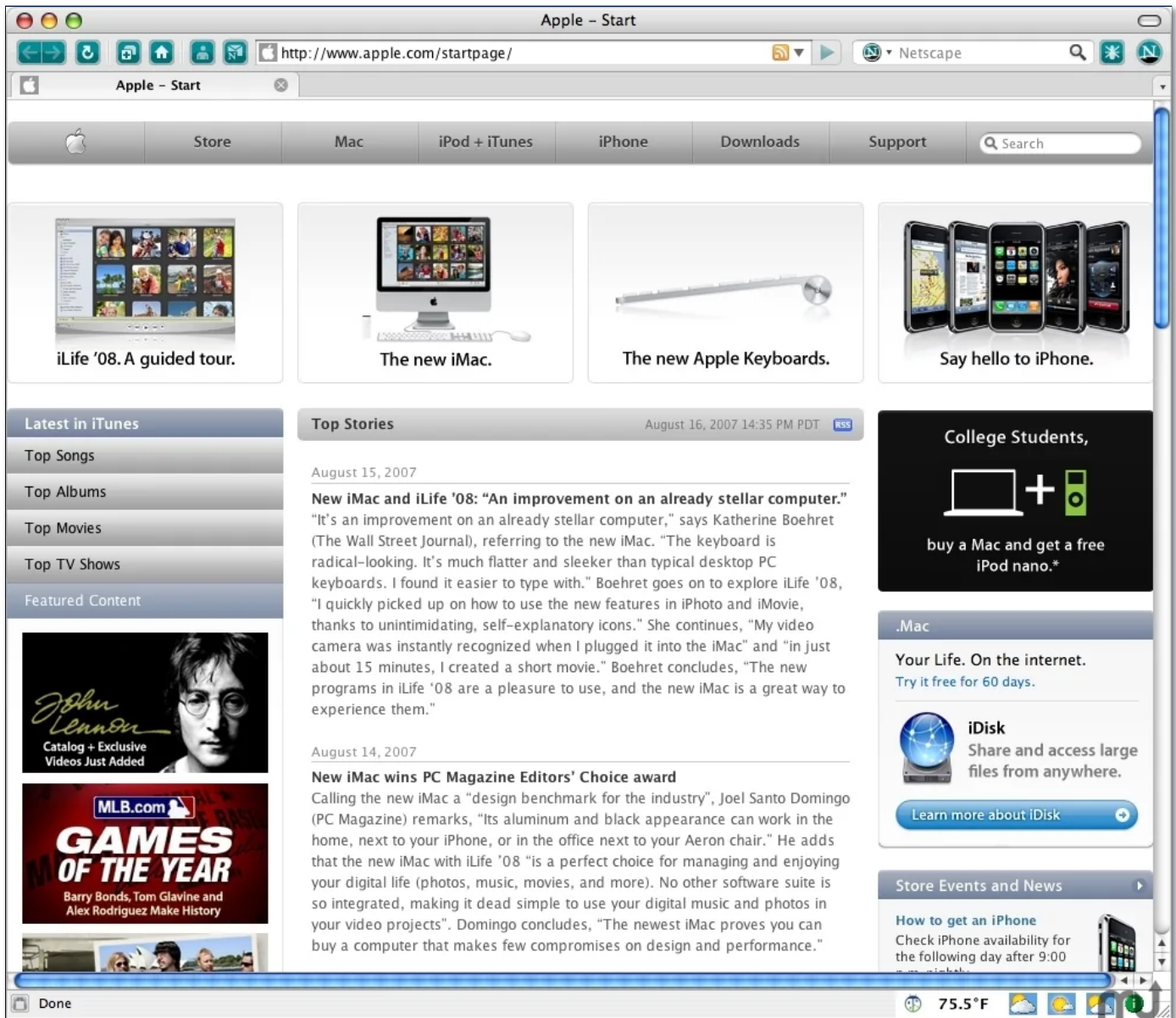
NETSCAPE NAVIGATOR 9 (2007-2008)

Navigator 9 was the final release. Corporate parent AOL declared that support would end on March 1st, 2008. Reversing a decision in version 8, the software was once again released for multiple platforms: Windows, Mac, and Linux. The browser was based on the Mozilla Firefox platform.



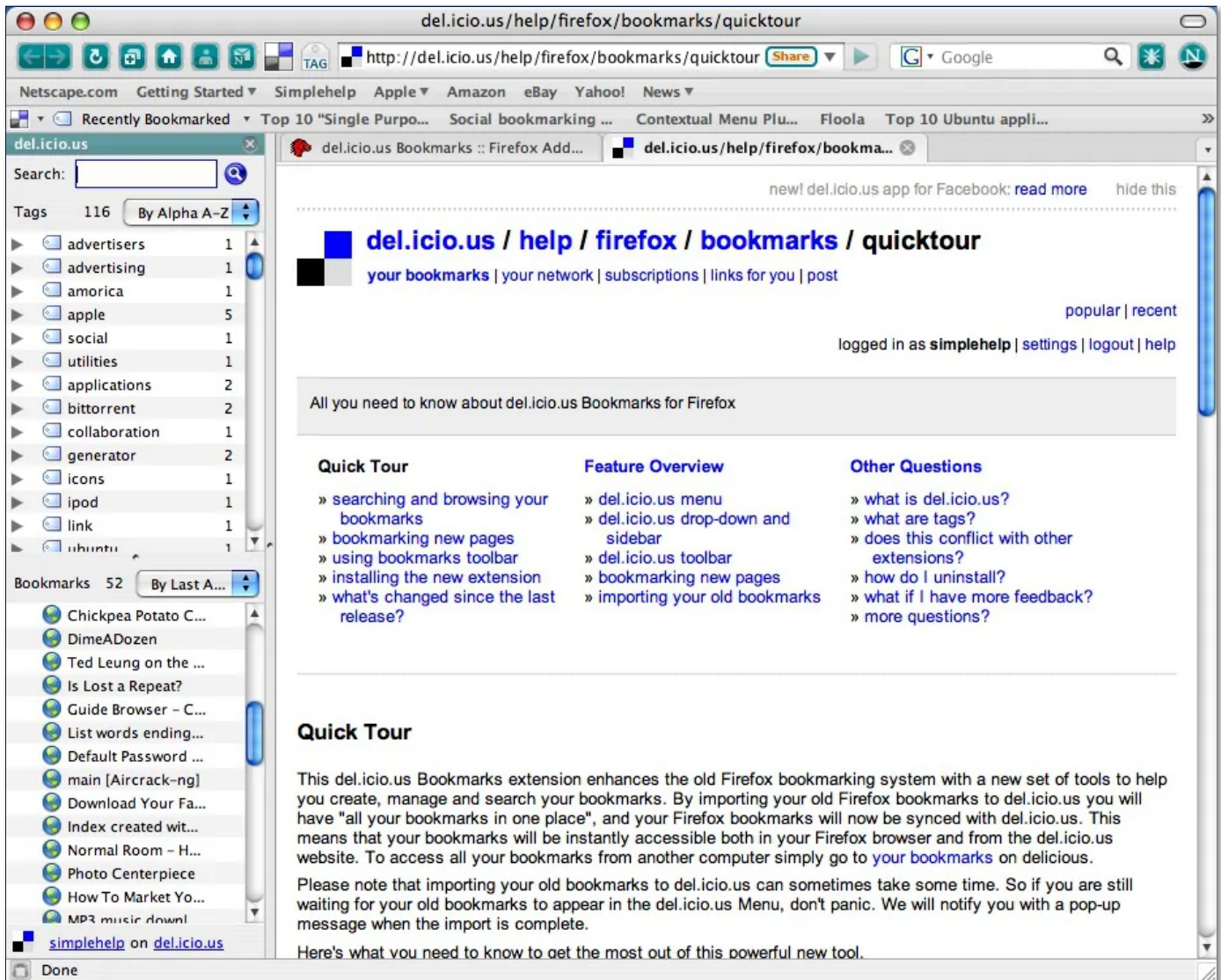
Netscape 9 for Mac Start Page (2007)

Source: simplehelp.net



Netscape 9 for Mac (2007)

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Netscape 9 for Mac SideBar (2007)

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