Configuring Netscape 4.5 at Biophysics

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Summary

This document shows you how to configure Netscape 4.5 for use at the Biophysics Department.

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1. Introduction

Netscape allows multiple users to use it, while providing each user with her own preferences. This is accomplished through the use of **profiles**.

One of the nice new features of Netscape 4.5 is the support for **roaming profiles**. This means that your Netscape preferences, are available to any Netscape 4.5 client. There's only one copy of your Netscape preferences, stored in a central place. This applies to bookmarks, addressbook, preferences.

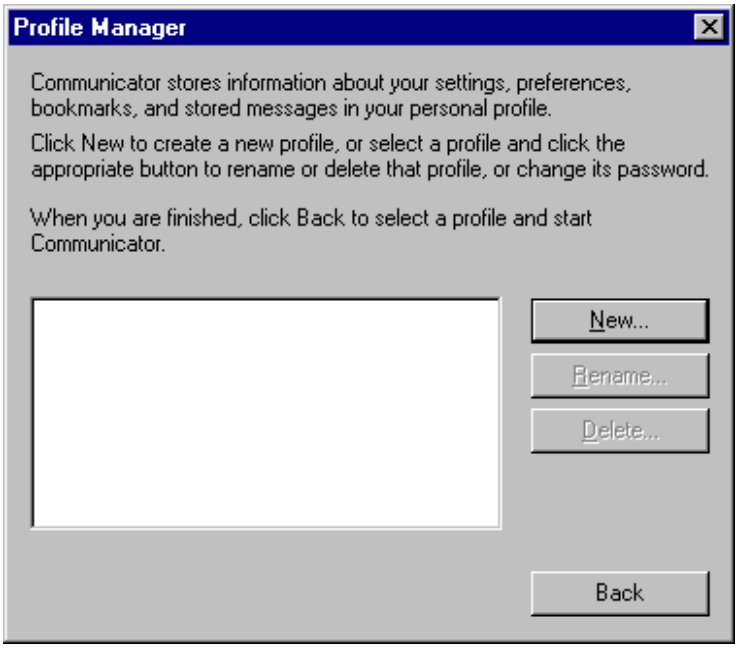
First you have to create a Netscape profile for yourself. Then when Netscape is started for the first time, you can do the remaining configuration. On each other computer you want to use Netscape, you have to create an initial profile and configure Netscape to use roaming profiles.

In the following screens, where you see **moene**, use your own (account) name.

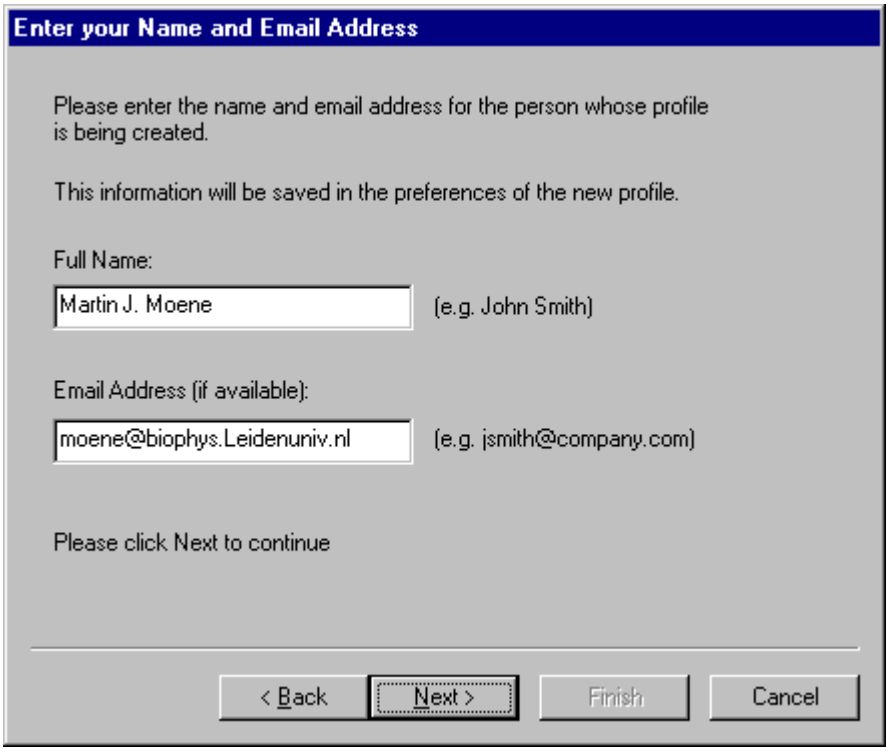
Note: users working from home, e.g. using ‘thuisnet’, should specify fully qualified domain names for **mail**, **news** and **www**, i.e.: mail.biophys.LeidenUniv.nl, news.biophys.LeidenUniv.nl and www.biophys.LeidenUniv.nl.

2. Creating the First Profile

Now create your Netscape profile with the Netscape Profile manager: From the start menu choose: **Start | Programs | Netscape Communicator | Utilities | User Profile Manager**.



Press New... and fill in your full name and e-mail address. Then press Next >



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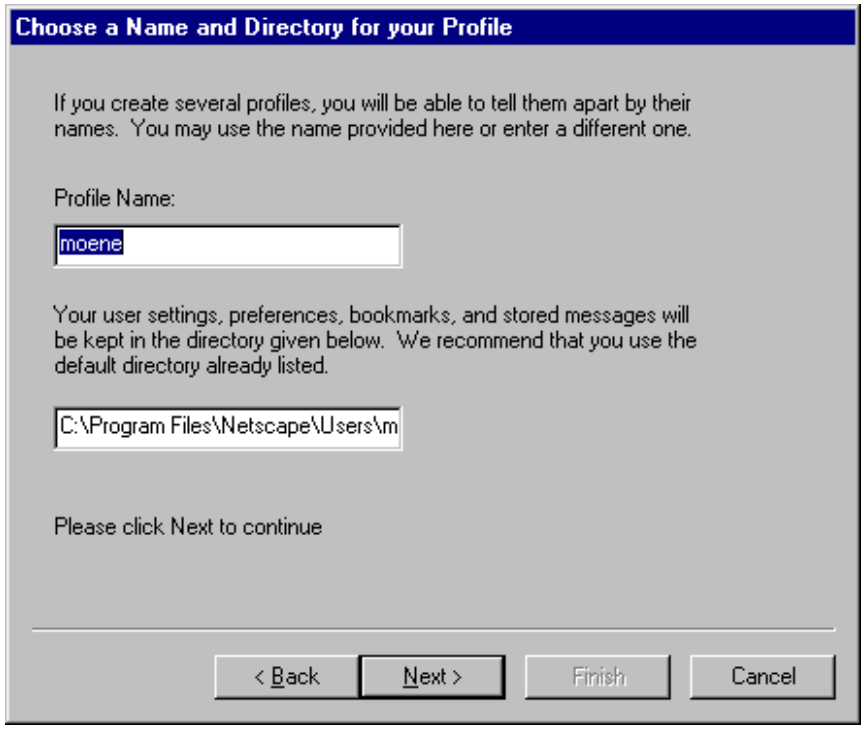
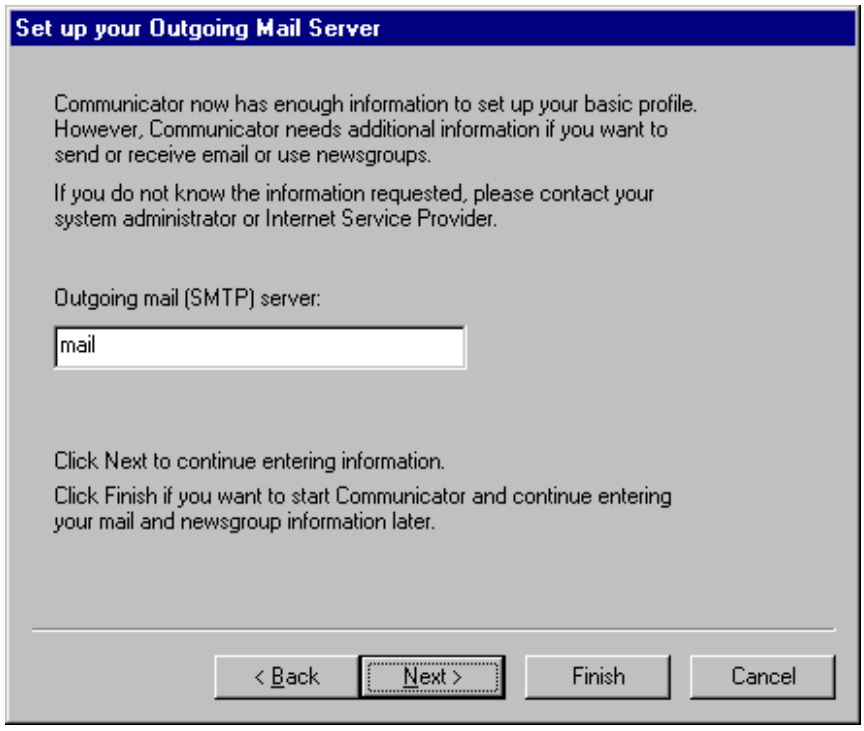
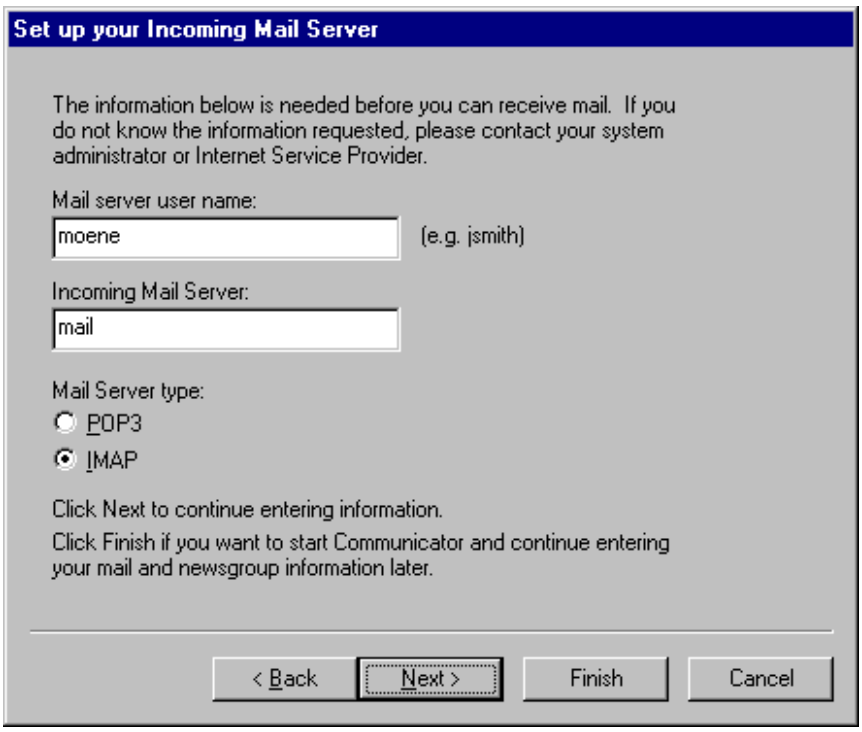


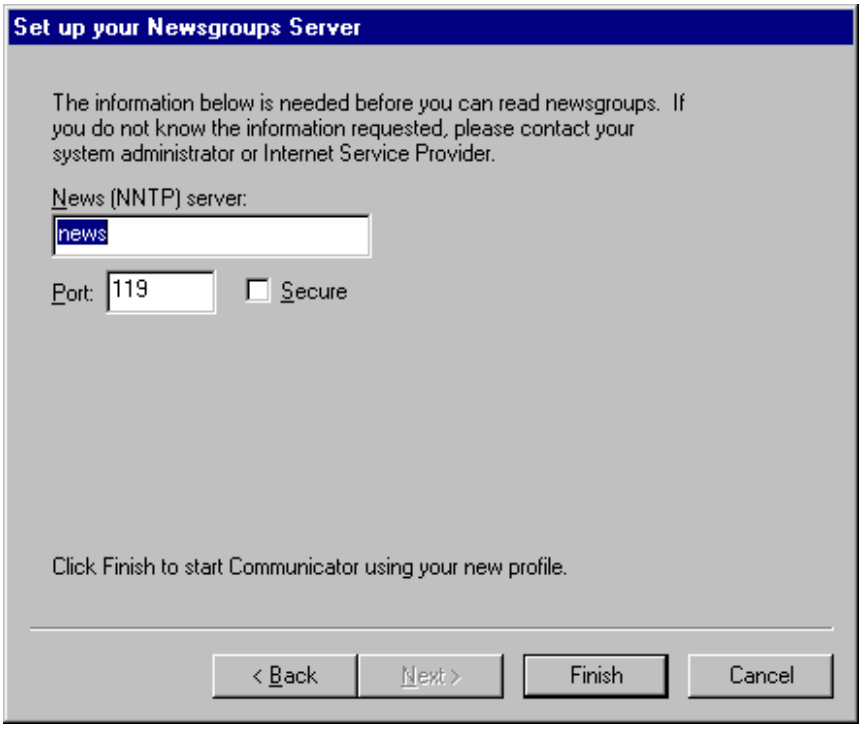
Fill in **mail** for Outgoing Mail (SMTP) Server. Press Next >.



Fill in you *account name* for Mail server user name, **mail** for Incoming Mail Server and select **IMAP** for Mail Server type. Press Next >.



Netscape's defaults are Ok here.



Press Finish to complete the initial setup of your Netscape profile and to start Netscape Navigator.

3. Remaining Configuration

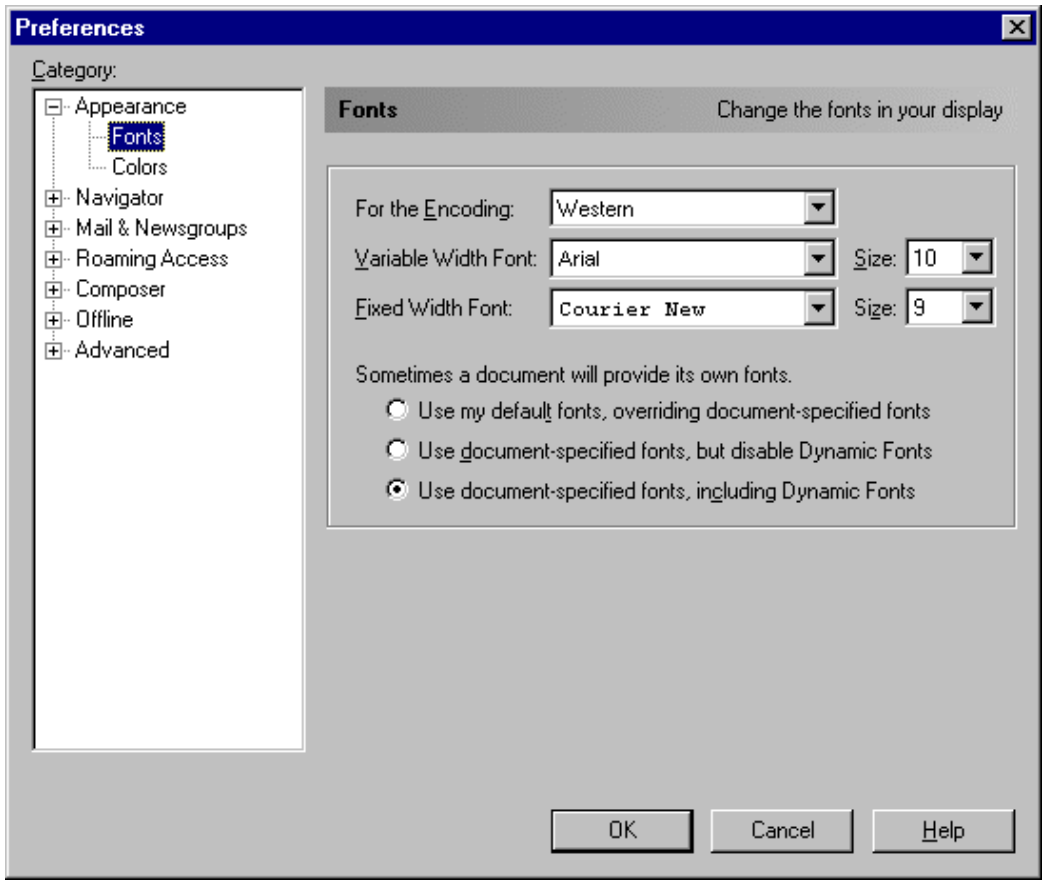
Now do the remaining configuration. Select Preferences from Netscape's Edit menu (Edit | Preferences) to get the Preferences screen.

Only the screens that contain information different from Netscape's default settings are shown.

In the following screens, select the desired category by clicking on the category's name in the Category window. Press the boxed plus next to a category to list its sections.

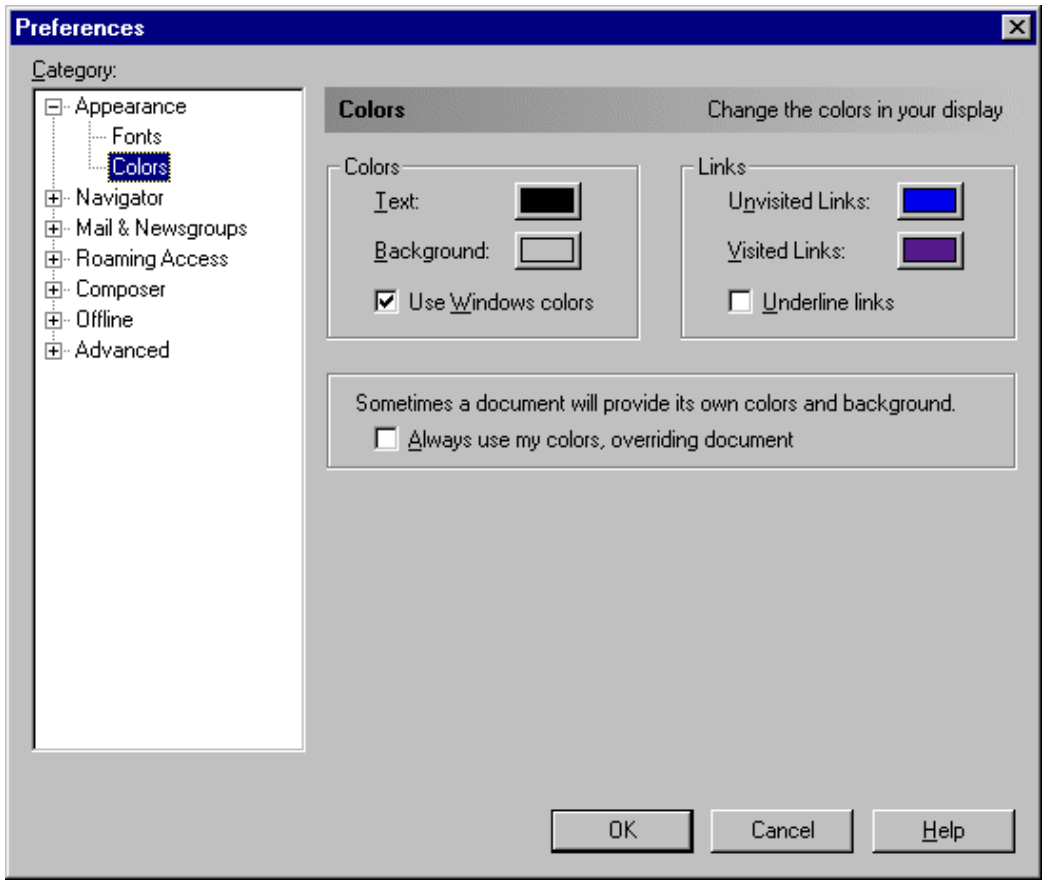
Appearance | Fonts

Here I changed the Variable Width Font from a Times New Roman to a 10pt Arial which is easier to read on screen. Further I reduced the Fixed Width Font size to 9pt.



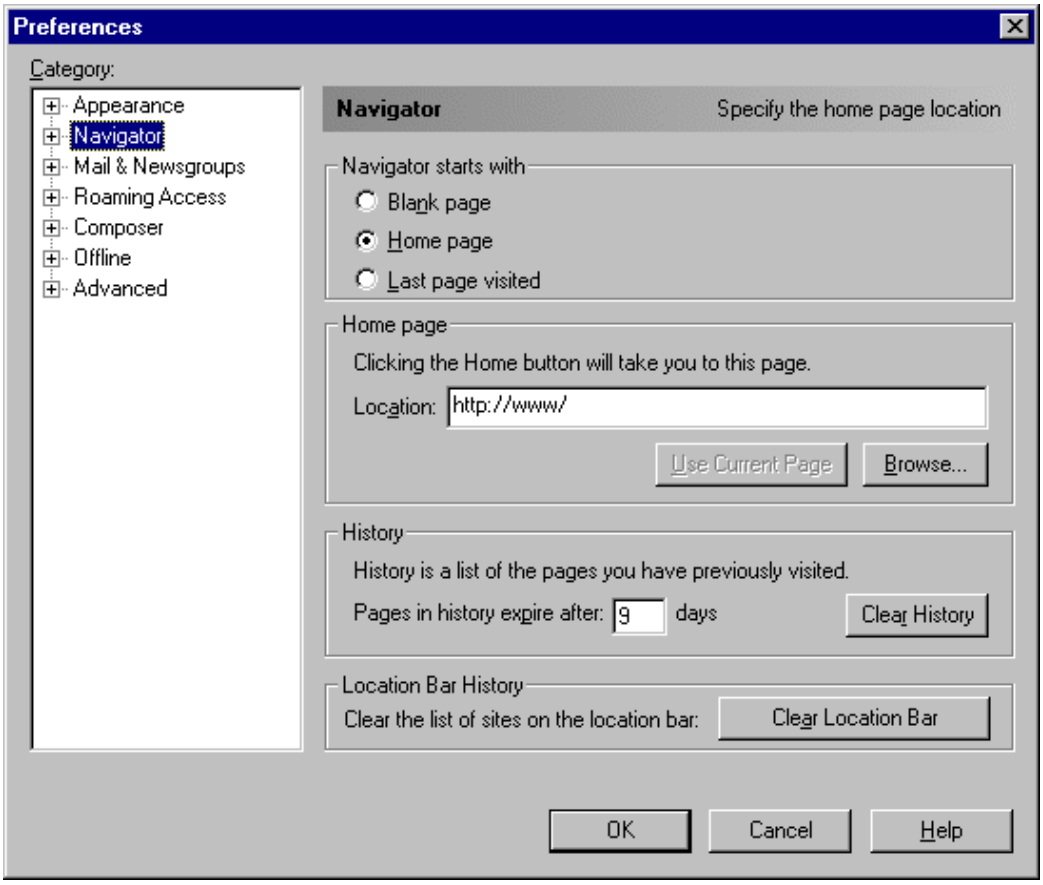
Appearance | Colors

I unchecked the Underline links box to match my personal taste.



Navigator

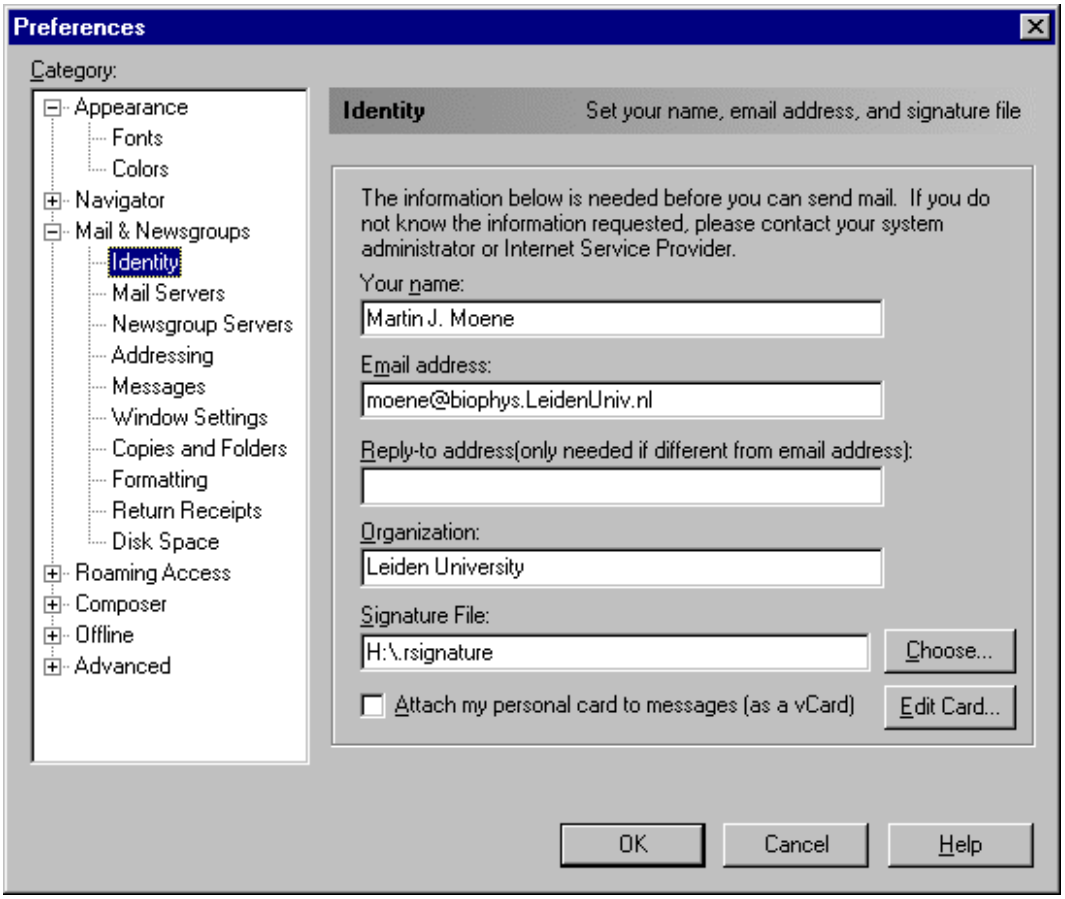
Change the Home page Location to our own home page: **http://www/**. This will bring you to the public Biophysics homepage, or to our intranet NewsFlash page when the intranet will be officially in use.



Mail & Newsgroups

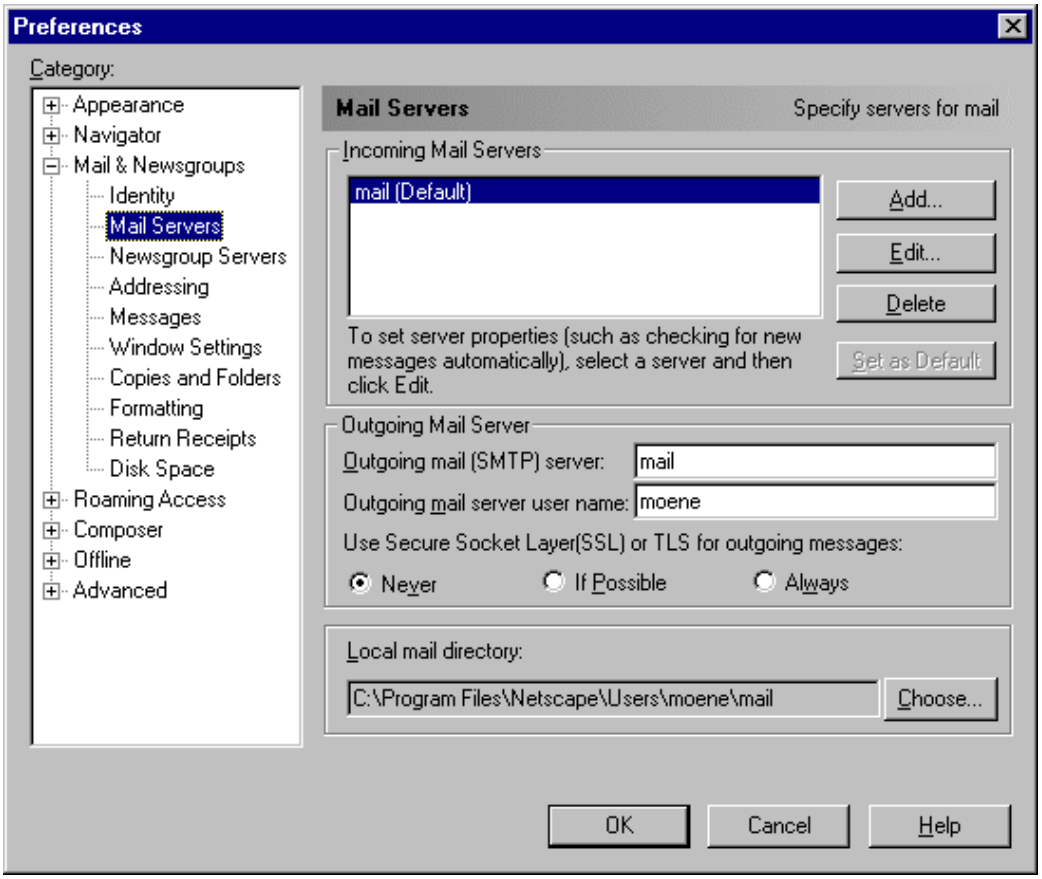
Mail & Newsgroups | Identity

Here, fill in your personal info.

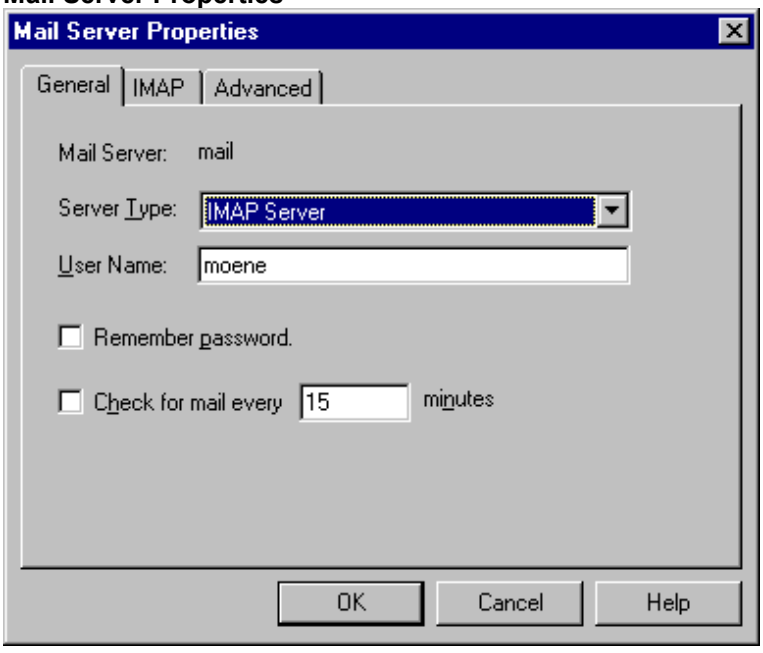


Mail & Newsgroups | Mail Servers

Here, fill in **mail** for Outgoing mail (SMTP) server and your *account name* for Outgoing mail server user name. Then press Edit... in the Incoming Mail Servers section to set the mail server properties. See the next panels.

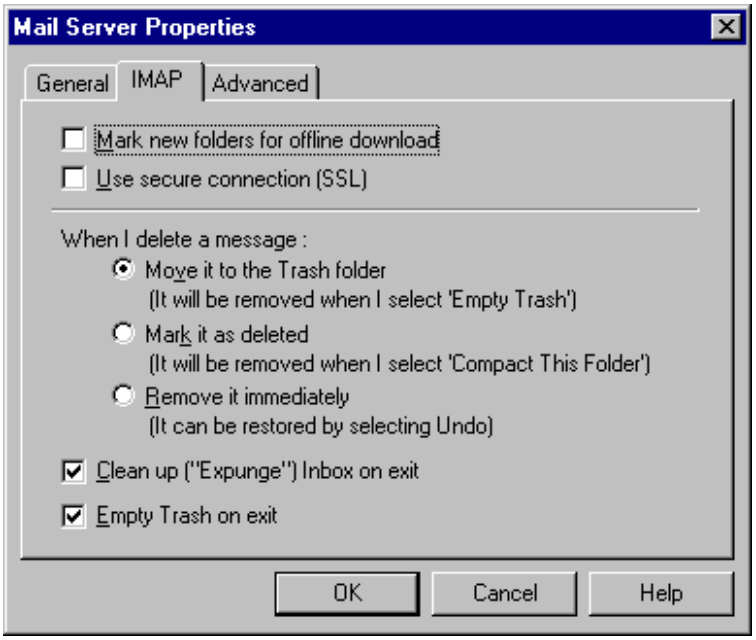


Mail Server Properties



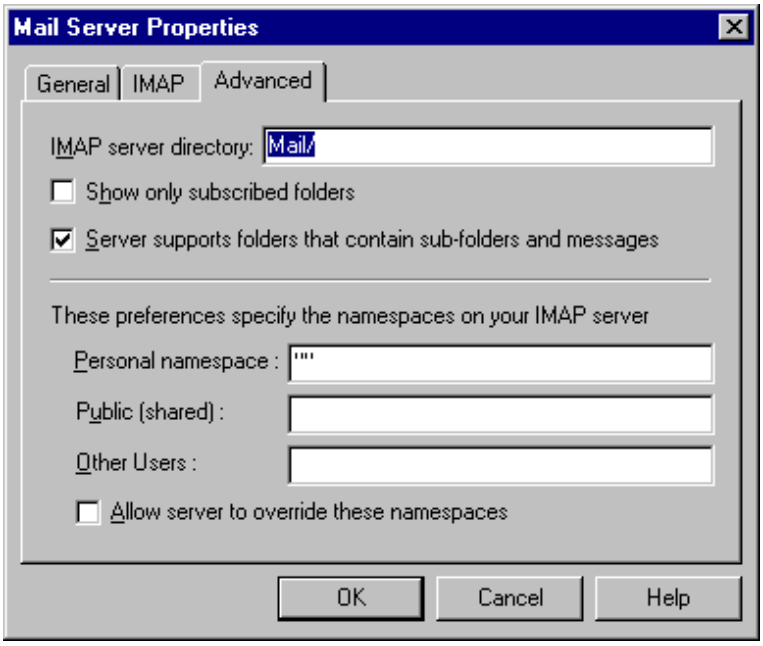
Select the IMAP tab.

Change the When I delete a message as shown below and check the Clean up Inbox on exit and Empty Trash on exit boxes. In any way take care to empty the Trash folder regularly.

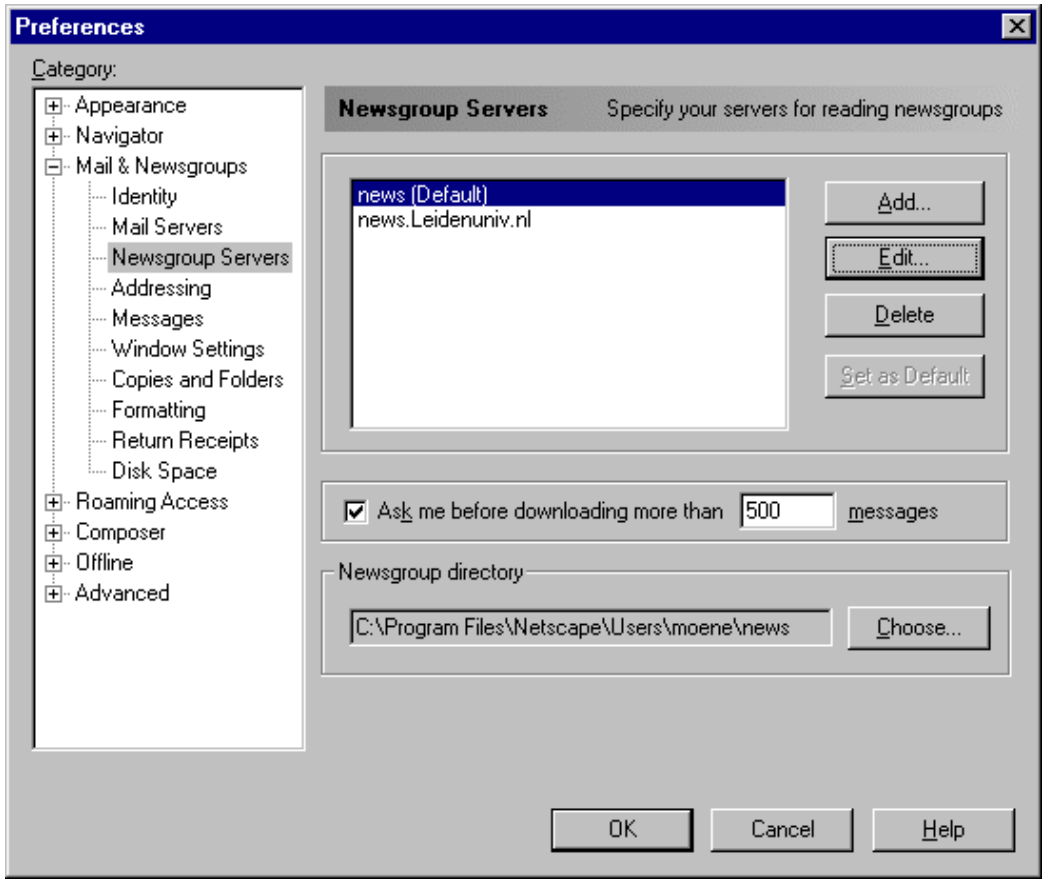


Select the Advanced tab.

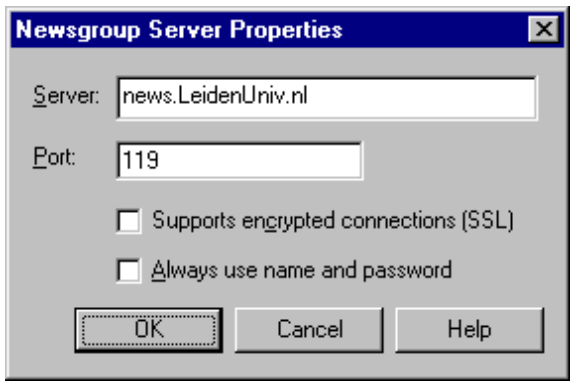
Set the IMAP server directory to **Mail/** and uncheck the Allow server to override these namespaces at the bottom. Press Ok to accept the Mail Server Properties.



Mail & Newsgroups | Newsgroup Servers

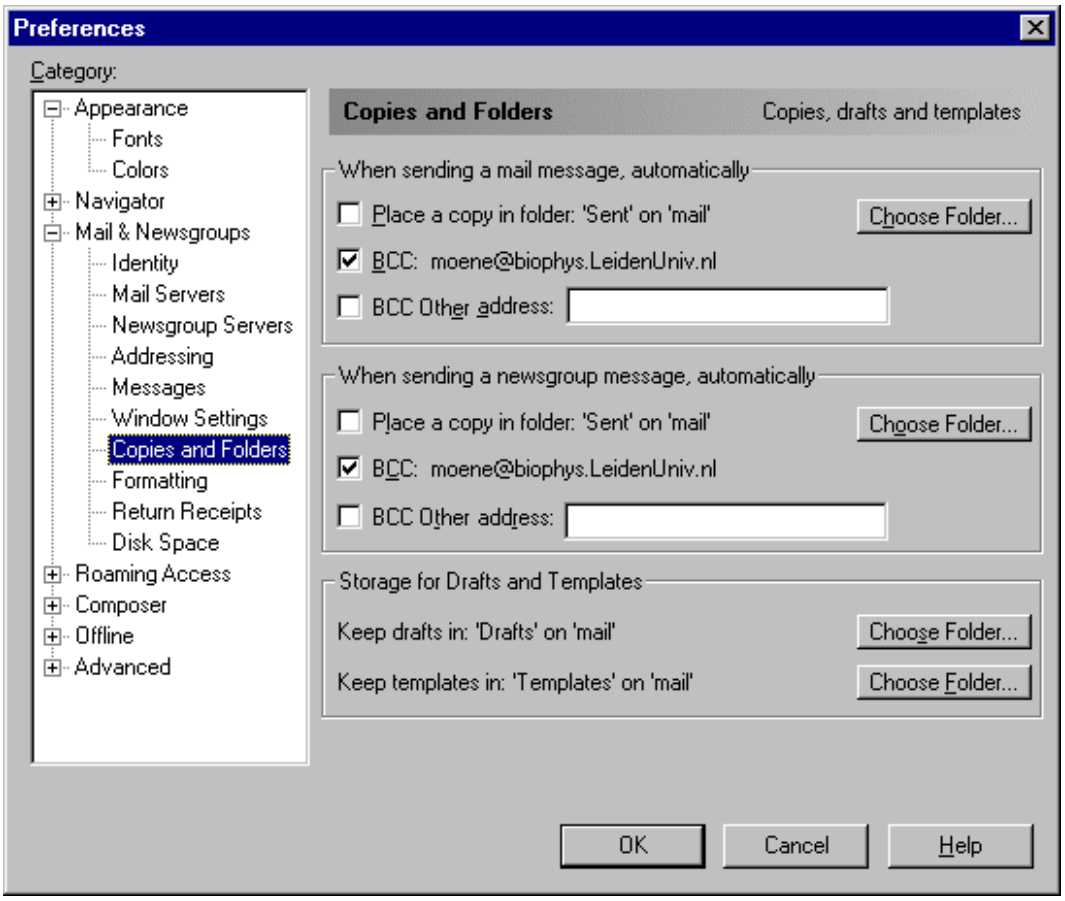


Press Add... to add the server news.LeidenUniv.nl.



Mail & Newsgroups | Copies and Folders

Configure it to your liking. If you want to save the messages you send in a single folder ‘Sent’ on the mail server, you have to create such a folder via the Choose Folder… button.



Roaming Access

See the introduction about Netscape Roaming Profiles. Check the box Enable Roaming Access for this profile, fill in your *account name* and check the box Remember my Roaming Access password.

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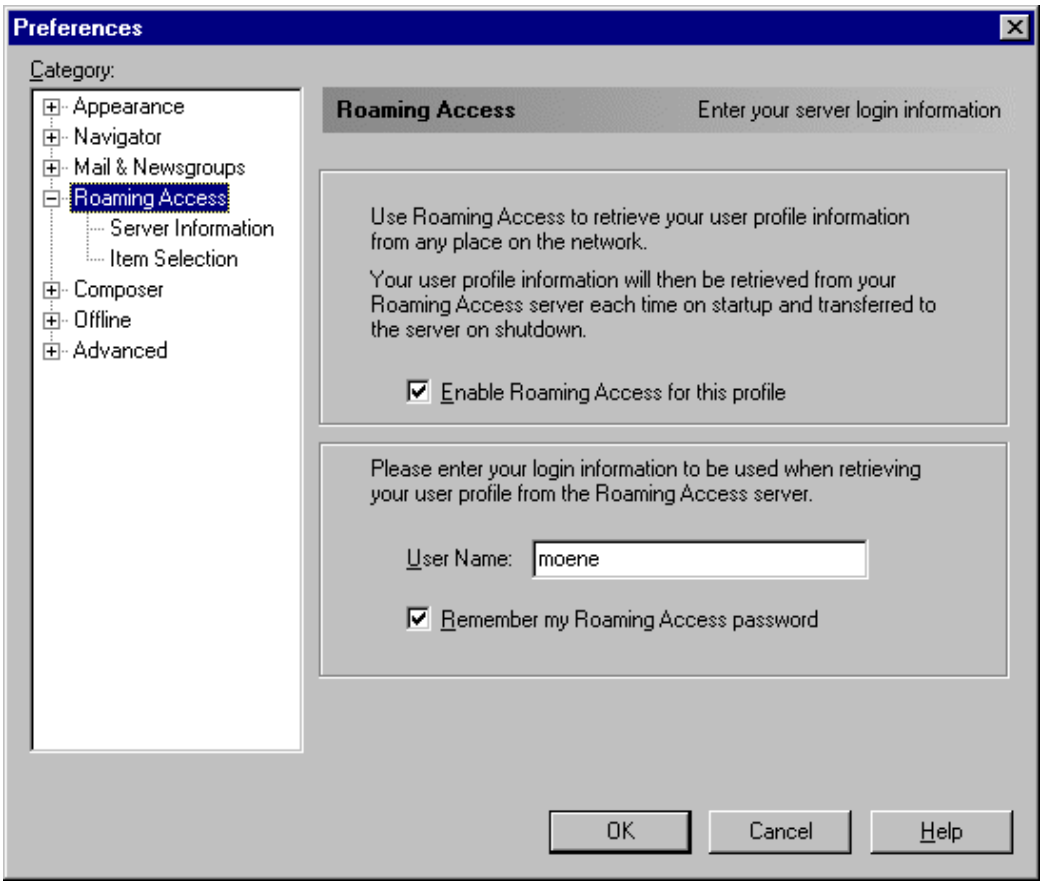
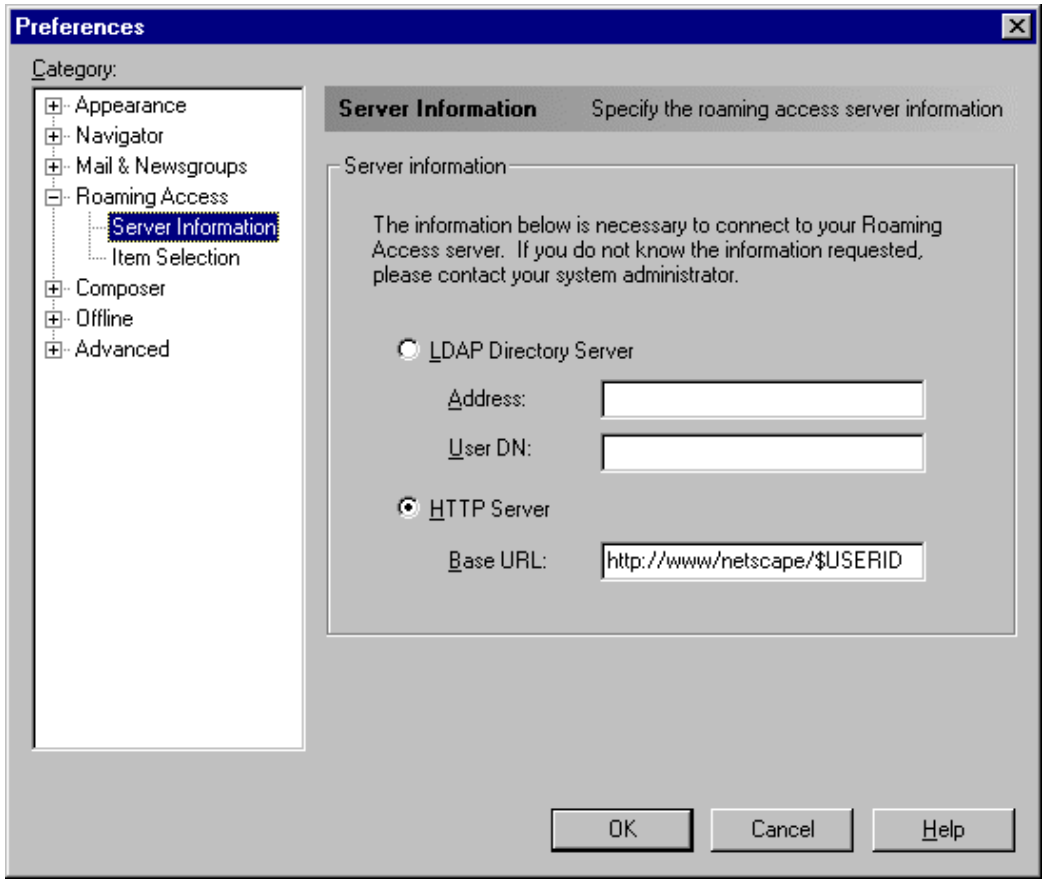


Select HTTP Server and fill in **http://www/netscape/$USERID** for Base URL.



Now press Ok and exit Netscape. This concludes the configuration of Netscape.

4. Creating the Subsequent Profiles

Once you have created a roaming profile, creating the subsequent profiles on other computers is easy. You only have to create a part of the initial profile and configure Netscape to use the roaming profile.

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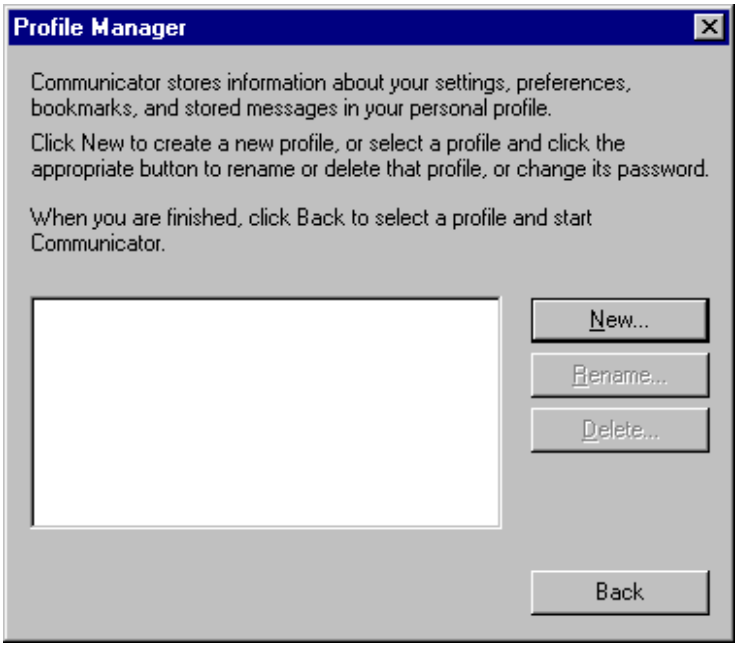

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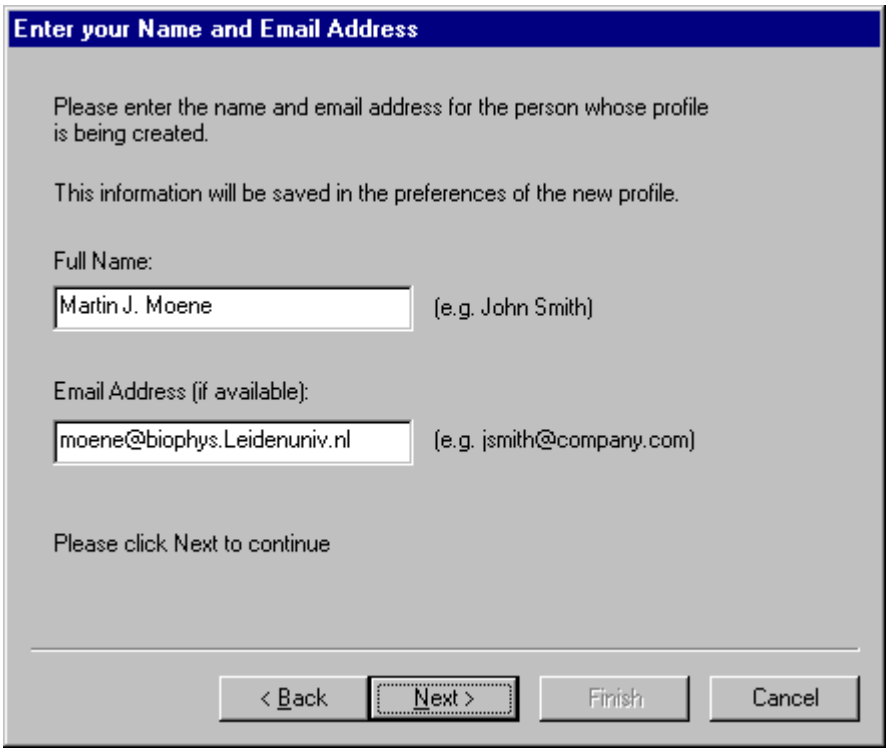

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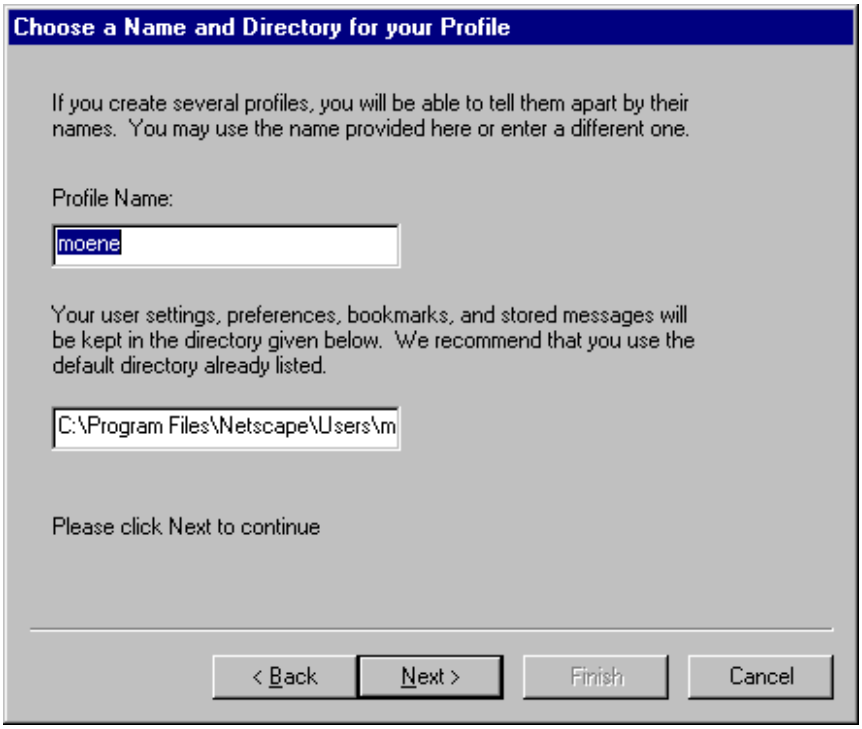

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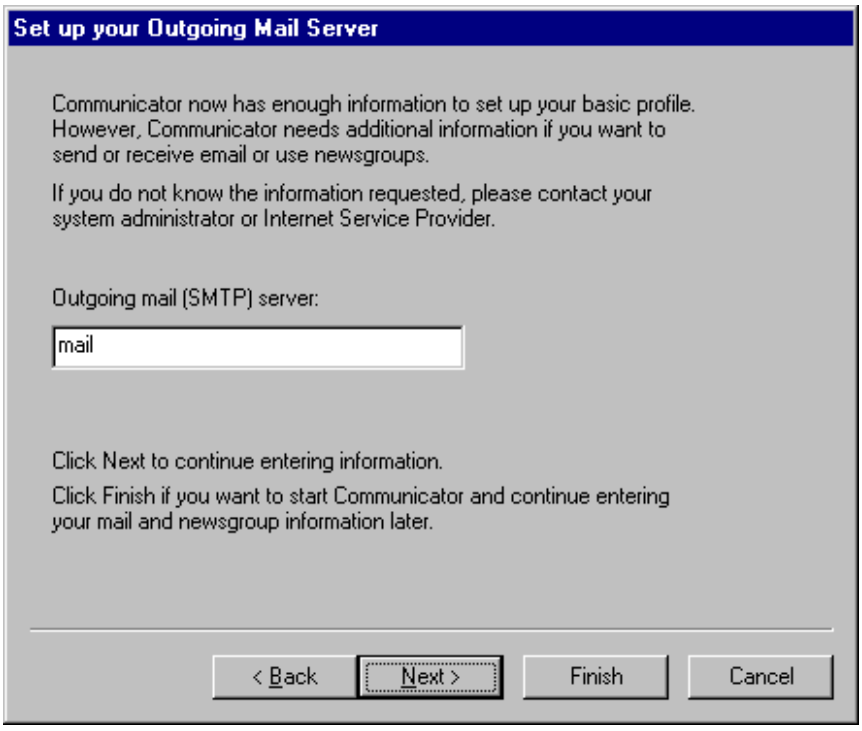

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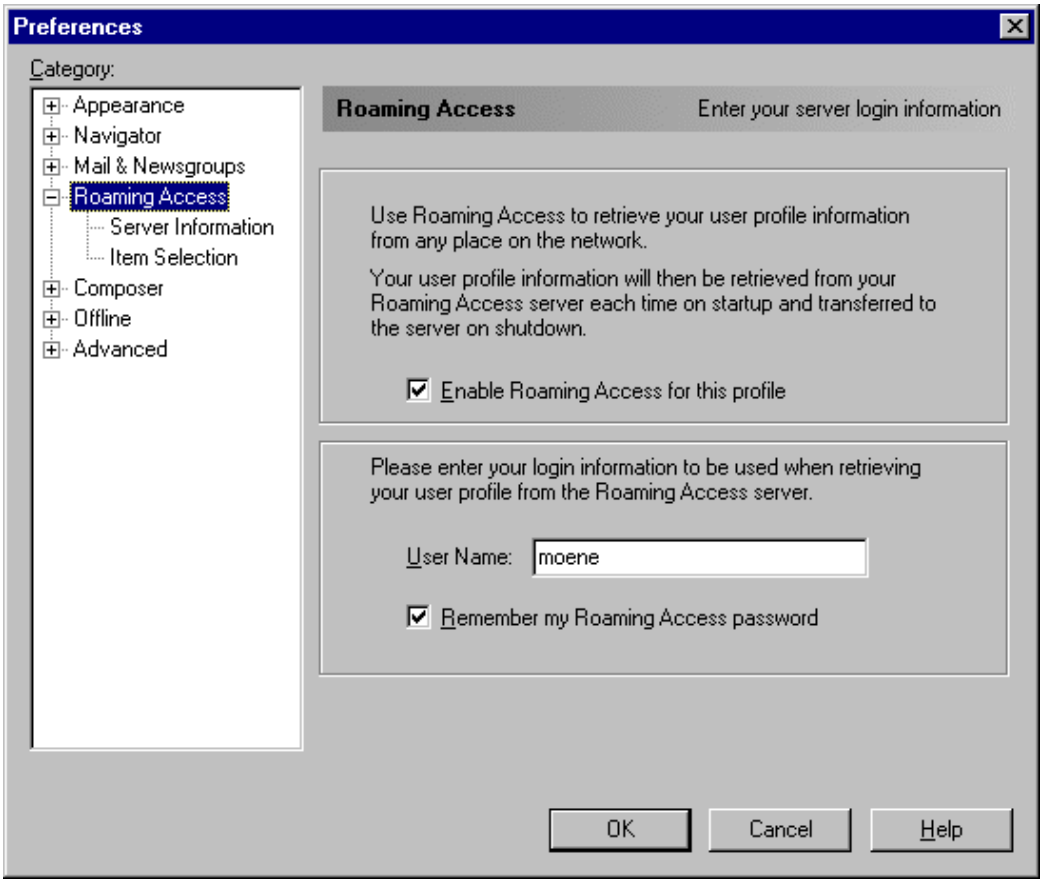

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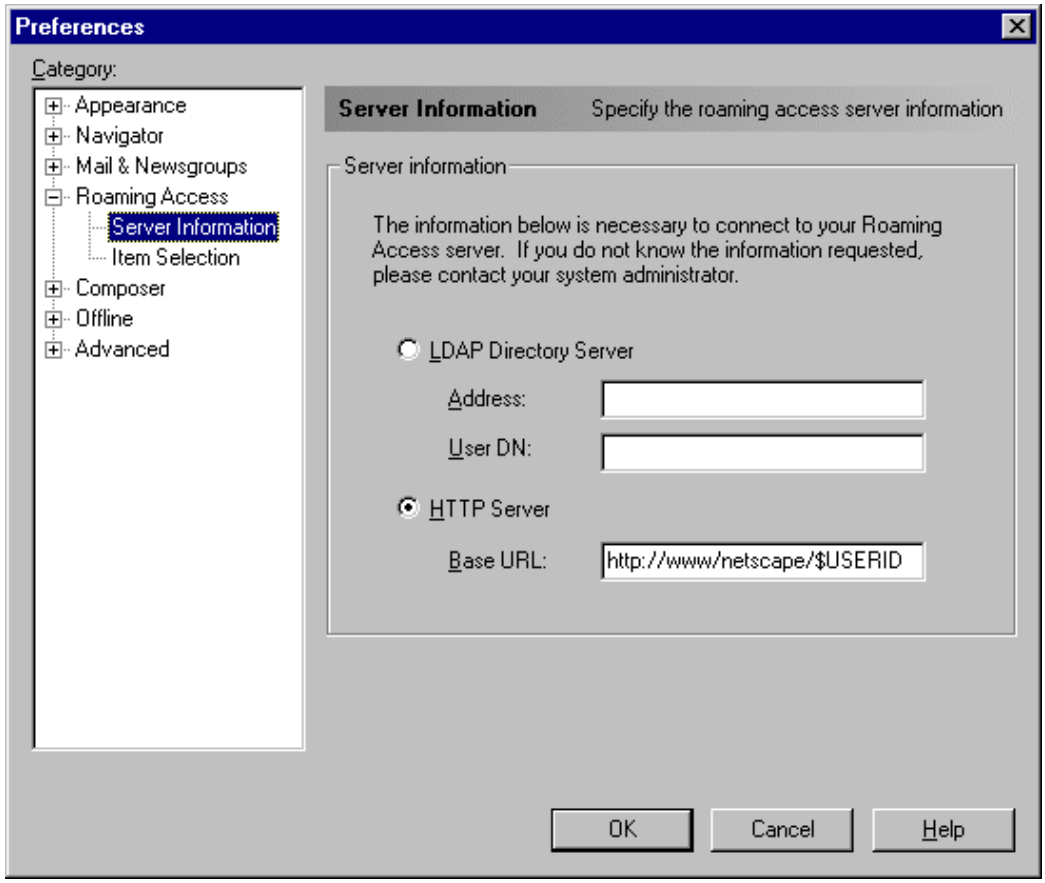

Now press Ok . A box with the following message appears: Your new Roaming Access preference will take effect the next time you restart Communicator.

Restart Netscape Communicator to activate the roaming profile. A dialog box appears titled 'Download Conflict'. Here check the box Apply this decision to remaining items and press the button Keep Server File.

This concludes the creation of your Netscape profile on this computer.