577: Using Internet Explorer for Basic FTP

The following is a tutorial on how to login to a shared FTP account on my domain and perform file manipulations. With the shared account, the 577 class can then share files on a private collaboration space. This method using Internet Explorer is the simplest and behaves similarly to Windows Explorer.
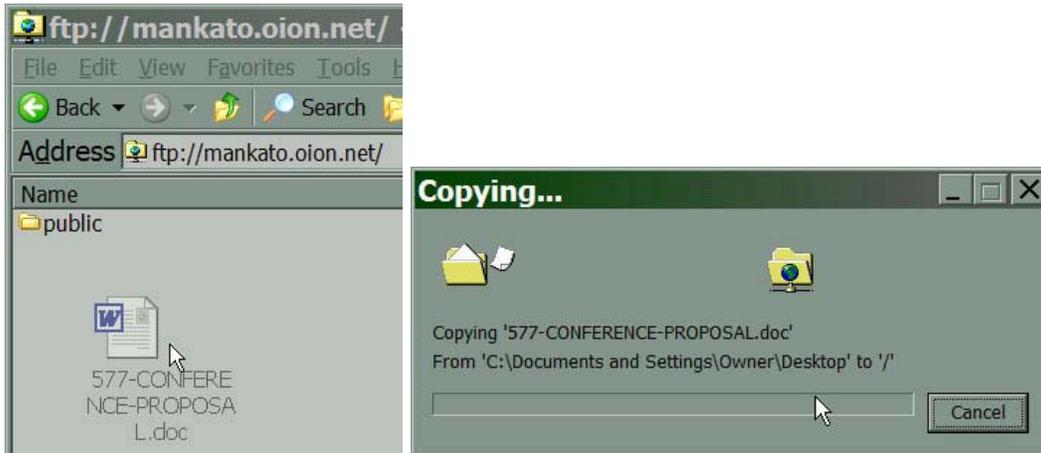
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1. Logging in: Open Internet Explorer and type ftp://mankato.oion.net into the address bar; press Enter.

2. The following pop-up window will appear. Type in the username techdocs577 and the password hurtsalot into the fields like below. You may save the password if you wish.

3. Once logged in, the Internet Explorer window will look like a folder in Windows Explorer. You may perform usual Windows Explorer tasks like drag-n-drop of files, renaming, etc. You will not be able to edit files while they are on the *ftp://mankato.oion.net* server. To edit a file, download it to your local drive first, then upload it again later. Remember that any deletions and overwrites done on the server are permanent and cannot be undone, so be very careful about deleting files and folders.

4. The "public" folder at ftp://mankato.oion.net/public is mapped to the URL http://mankato.oion.net/577. This means that any files placed in the "public" folder *will be viewable by anyone* on the Internet at the HTTP address. Use the "public" folder when you want someone to be able to view and/or download a file from the Internet.