

bottom of the Browser window or press <command>-<return>. Clicking anywhere else in the window or pressing the <return> key saves your changes to the file type and creator and updates the file lists accordingly. To cancel editing the file type and creator without making any changes, press the <esc> key. You cannot edit the file type and creator for folders or locked files.

Bookmarks

The row of icons at the top of the window and the trash icon at the lower right act as “bookmarks”, letting you jump quickly to a file or folder that you use frequently. To add a new bookmark, drag the desired file or folder from its file list and drop it on one of the empty spaces at the top of the window. To move a bookmark from one slot to another, just drag it from its former position to one of the remaining empty spaces. To remove a bookmark, drag it away from the top of the window so that its shadow disappears; you need not drag it to the trash. The Desktop and Trash bookmarks are fixed in their positions and cannot be removed.

If you click once on a bookmark, the Browser jumps to the corresponding position in the file lists. If you hold down the <option> key while clicking an alias bookmark, the Browser resolves the alias and jumps to the position of the original file in the file lists. If you double click a Bookmark, the Browser opens the bookmark file as if you had double clicked it in the Finder. Note that double clicking will also jump to the bookmark position in the file lists (since to click twice, you must first click once). To open the bookmark file without jumping to it in the file lists, single click the bookmark while holding down the <command> key.

You can also drag files from the file lists and drop them on previously installed bookmarks (provided that the bookmark represents a folder or an application that can open the selected files). This provides a quick way of moving or copying files to a drop folder or opening files using your favorite drop box mini-applications, such as “File Buddy” or any of the various Finder info editors. Pressing <command>-<delete> is equivalent to dragging the currently selected files and dropping them on the trash bookmark.

Drag and Drop

The Browser lets you drag files directly from their file lists and drop them onto folders or applications in any other file list. Whenever you can drop the files onto a folder or application, the Browser highlights the corresponding mini-icons as you drag over the file list entry. The rules for drag and drop are the same as in the Finder: Dragging moves files if the source and destination are on the same volume, but copies if they are on different volumes. Holding down the <option> key at the end of a drag forces the Browser to do a copy, except if you are dragging to the trash. If you hold down both the <option> and <command> keys, the Browser creates an alias.

If you have Aladdin's Stuffit Engine, you can drag files into a Stuffit archive to stuff them, and you can drag files out of a Stuffit archive to unstuff them. You can also remove files from an archive by dragging them to the trash or hitting <command>-<delete>.

File Menu

The New Folder command creates a new folder titled “untitled folder” in the active file list of the frontmost Browser window and immediately lets you edit its file name. You can create a new folder inside a StuffIt archive if you have the StuffIt Engine, in which case the Browser prompts you for the name of the new folder before creating it. If you hold down the <option> key, the Browser changes New Folder to New Archive, and if you select this command, the Browser creates an empty StuffIt archive. This does not require the StuffIt Engine, although you cannot do very much with an empty archive without it.

The Close Window command closes the frontmost Browser window as if you had clicked in the close box. If you attempt to close the last Browser window, the Browser hides it and switches to the Finder instead. The window reappears when you switch back to the Browser.

The Open, Print, Move To Trash, Get Info, Sharing..., Duplicate, Make Alias, and Put Away commands all act on the current selection in the frontmost Browser window and behave just like in the Finder.

If you are browsing through a StuffIt archive and have the StuffIt Engine, the Browser changes Open to UnStuff.... If you select this command or double click on files within an archive, the Browser prompts you for a destination to which to unstuff the currently selected files.

The Reveal in Finder command switches to the Finder, highlighting those files that are currently selected in the frontmost Browser window (opening up their parent folder window in the Finder if it is not already open).

If you hold down the <option> key while selecting from the File menu, the Browser changes Get Info and Reveal to Get Original Info and Reveal Original. If you select one of these commands, the Browser resolves any aliases in the current selection before performing the corresponding action.

The Find... command behaves the same as in the Finder, launching the Find File, Sherlock, or Sherlock 2 application depending on the version of the Mac OS you are running.

Edit Menu

When you are not editing a file name, the Copy command copies to the clipboard a list of all the selected files in the currently active file list, and the Select All command selects all the files in the currently active file list.

When you are editing a file name, the commands in the Edit menu behave like you expect them to.

The Preferences... command brings up a dialog box where you can modify the following settings:

Show Invisible Files

When this box is checked, the Browser shows files that are marked as invisible. Such files, which include desktop databases, custom folder icons, and the famed “AppleShare PDS”, do

not appear in Finder windows. Note that in order to move, copy, or trash these files, you must first make them visible using the "Invisible" command in the Label menu.

Confirm Move To Trash

When this box is checked, the Browser puts up a caution alert whenever you choose Move To Trash or hit the <command> and <delete> keys. This is to prevent you from accidentally throwing files away. Although such mistakes can easily be undone by dragging the file or folder out of the trash, it can be disconcerting to have your files magically disappear from their folder.

Show File Version Info

When this box is checked, the Browser shows the file version number (if the file has one) at the bottom of the window. This can slow down disk access, particularly with slow media such as floppy disks or CD-ROMs.

Show Projector Status

When this box is checked, the Browser shows, via mini-icons on the right side of the file lists, whether or not project files have been checked out. If you do not use Projector or SourceServer, you should leave this box unchecked, as it slows down disk access considerably.

About Box at Startup

When this box is checked, the Browser puts up its "About..." box when it first starts up. This is as close as I get to the proverbial "Annoying Shareware Message". Please leave this box checked until you register to serve as a reminder.

Show Magic Menu

When this box is checked, the Browser adds a menu to the menu bar that lets you stuff, binhex, and expand various file formats. It works just like the Magic Menu extension in Aladdin's Stuffit Deluxe package. This menu also lets you expand and compress Stuffit SpaceSaver files. Most of the features in this menu require the Stuffit Engine and will be disabled if it is not installed.

Calculate Folder Sizes

When this box is checked, the Browser shows the sizes of folders at the bottom of the window. This feature requires the Thread Manager (which is built into System 7.5 and later), and it will be disabled if the Thread Manager is not installed.

Live Window Resizing

When this box is checked, the Browser redraws the window as you drag the grow box instead of just drawing a dotted outline. Live resizing is extremely processor intensive, and it works well only on very fast machines.

The Font and Size pop-up menus let you choose the font and size for the file lists and bookmarks. The information at the bottom of the screen remains in Geneva 9. If you check the Anti-aliased (smoothed) box, the Browser uses the corresponding TrueType or PostScript font to smooth out the jagged edges of the font. For this option to work, you must have a monitor set to 16 grays or better, and your chosen font must have a TrueType or PostScript version. Anti-aliasing takes time, so this feature is recommended only for those with Power Macs, and it looks best at the highest resolution your monitor supports. If you want this sort of anti-aliasing system-wide, you should check out SmoothType, available from <<http://www.kaleidoscope.net/greg/>>.

Label Menu

The Label menu works just like it does in the Finder. In addition, the Invisible command lets you toggle whether the selected files are visible or invisible. Files marked as invisible do not appear in Finder windows, but you can still see them in the Browser if the “Show Invisible Files” option in the “Preferences” dialog box is checked. The “Invisible” menu item will be disabled if the “Show Invisible Files” option is turned off.

Special Menu

The New Browser command opens up a new Browser window staggered slightly to the right and below the current window. This new window opens directly to the active folder shown in the current window. Multiple Browser windows come in handy when you want to move or copy files. You can use the first window to navigate to the files that you want to move and the second to navigate to their destination.

If the current selection is an alias file and you hold down the <option> key while selecting the New Browser command, the Browser resolves the alias file and opens a new window showing the path to the original file.

The Empty Trash, Eject Disk, Erase Disk..., Sleep, Restart, and Shut Down commands work just like they do in the Finder.

Magic Menu

The Magic menu is modeled on the Magic Menu extension in Aladdin's Stuffit Deluxe and Aladdin Desktop Tools packages, thanks to code graciously provided by Aladdin Systems, Inc. To see this menu, you must check the “Show Magic Menu” box in the “Preferences...” dialog. Most of the options in this menu require the Stuffit Engine and will be disabled if it is not installed.

The Expand command expands Stuffit (.sit), Compact Pro (.cpt), AppleLink (.pkg), ZIP (.zip), ARC (.arc), gzip (.gz), and Unix Compress (.Z) files. It also decodes BinHex (.hqx) and UUEncoded (.uu) files, as well as expanding Stuffit SpaceSaver files. Don't thank me for this little miracle—thank Aladdin.

The Stuff command compresses the selected files into a new Stuffit archive (.sit).

The Encode submenu lets you convert files into formats suitable for use on the internet. The MacBinary (.bin) format combines the data, resources, and Finder information for a Mac file so that it can be stored on non-Mac file systems. The BinHex (.hqx) format encodes a Mac file using 7-bit text suitable for sending via e-mail.

The Make Self-Extracting command compresses the selected files into a self-extracting Stuffit archive (.sea). If the selected file is already a Stuffit archive, this command adds the self-extracting code and changes the name to end in “.sea”.

The Remove Self-Extracting removes the self-extracting code from a Stuffit archive (.sea) and changes the name to end in ".sit".

The SpaceSaver Compress command compresses the selected files using the Stuffit SpaceSaver transparent compression format. This option is disabled if Stuffit SpaceSaver is not installed.

The View... command lets you inspect the contents of the selected files using the Viewer Engine from Aladdin Desktop Tools. This option is disabled if ADT is not installed.

Other Neat Stuff

If you resize the window to be wide enough (almost but not quite the full width of a standard 13" or 14" screen), the Browser will switch from three file lists to four and from six bookmarks to eight. It will also use some of the extra space at the bottom of the window to show the creation and modification dates for the currently selected files.

If you click the Zoom Box at the right end of the Browser window's title bar, the Browser window collapses. Clicking the Zoom Box again returns it to its normal size.

For those of us without extended keyboards, the Browser uses the numeric keypad to simulate the scrolling keys "Home", "End", "Page Up", and "Page Down". I'll leave it up to you to figure out which numbers do what.

If you drag a file or folder and drop it on the Browser application, the Browser selects that file or folder in its frontmost window.

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