Welcome to Softatlas Download Accelerator help system!

Softatlas Download Accelerator *is a high-yield download manager for Windows 98, Windows Me,Windows NT 4.0, Windows 2000, and Windows XP.*

The Softatlas Download Accelerator (SDA) has high performance and user-friendly interface.

Some download managers promise to you what they call an "acceleration". But in fact many of them (even most popular ones) just trick you and result in exactly opposite effect. We even do not mention about spies or ad-wares. The SDA gives you true parameters of download rate. SDA accelerates your downloads saving your time, traffic and money. It provides resuming, download size counting, download management (with tree of groups and filters), file-splitting, scheduling, built-in file searching. The SDA has advanced robust multithread download algorithm implemented with high quality. SDA user interface is effective, lightweight and designed for maximal speed, effective download management with small bonus of privacy protection. It provides faster learning curve with optional minimal interface. No add-ware, no spies, no broken files in contrast to many other download managers. We use SDA ourselves and believe that this is the best and fastest download manager.

To get more information and download the latest version of the program visit the official Softatlas Download Accelerator web site http://www.soft-atlas.com

Features of Softatlas Download Accelerator (SDA)

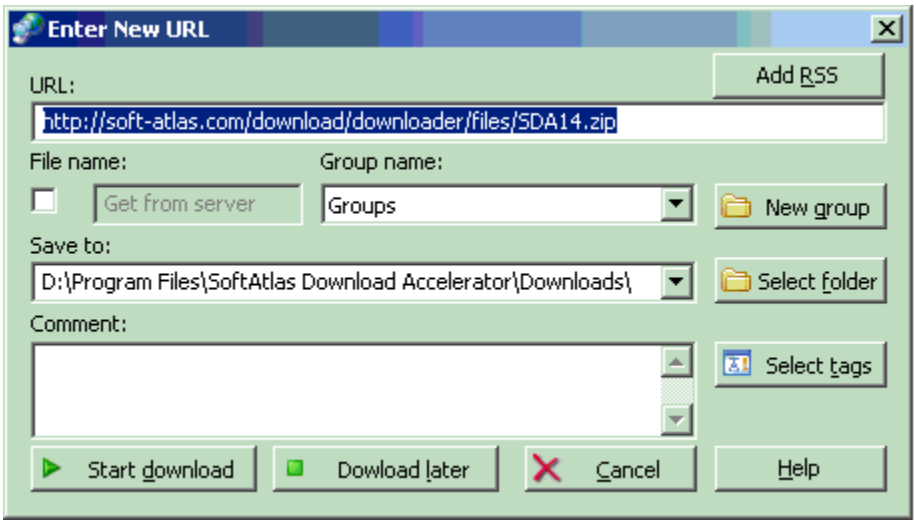
* Download size counters.
* Download, resume multiple files
* Accelerating download by file splitting.
* Download management (with tree of groups and filters). Grouping and filtering automatically show downloads in accordance with various criteria.
* Change the group of download on a options page or drag-and-drop download to the group.
* A tag classification system of downloads (alternative alternative to organization by a of categories)
* A fully functional RSS feed reader is built-in to SDA to view and manage RSS/ATOM/PODCAST feeds. You can download feeds and links in feeds for complete offline viewing. You can download PODCAST audio and video directly from SDA with a profit of high acceleration.
* Support archive of RSS.
* Can invoke your favorite virus checker to make sure the downloaded file is free from viruses.
* Column sorting by click on column header.
* Faster learning curve with optional minimal interface. Along with rich interface for advanced users.
* Analysis of every server response to prevent from damage to downloads.
* Fastest optimized algorithms.
* Scheduling. You can schedule your downloads for low traffic periods (i.e. 4 in the morning).
* Privacy protection. You may use this mode to prevent spying on your links, files, and folders.
* Traffic bandwidth control (speed limit) which allows you to download files on background and still use your web browser without loss of performance.
* HTTP, FTP, HTTPS protocols. Support of proxies and firewalls.
* FILE:// Protocol on disks and networks. Just use file:// prefix and path to your files.
* Login and passwords with individual downloads.
* Proxies (each downloads too).
* Internet file search.
* Searching of file mirrors, additional acceleration due to mirrors.
* Browser integration via a contextual menu for hyperlinks.
* Visualization of true download characteristics.
* Easy control of every download job. You can start, pause or automatically download your files.
* User-friendly interface.
* Drag and Drop support.
* Download "Basket" (drag and drop target icon).
* Possibility to change options of each download link.

Getting started

There are a few ways to start download.

Add download

1. **Choose the "Download with SDA" item from the Internet Explorer or Mozilla context menu** Click on the link with the right mouse button and choose the "Download by SDA" menu item. Then in "Add Download" window press button **"Start Download"** or **"Download later".**

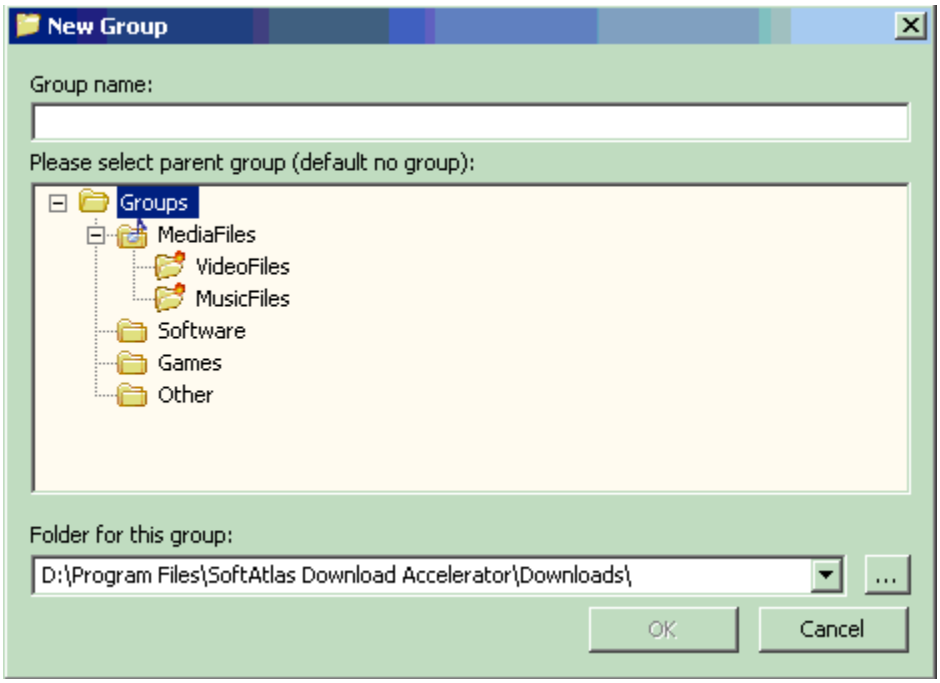


2. **Use the " Add Download " button** You can start download using button **"Add Download"** on the SDA toolbar or SDA menu. In "Add Download" window set URL and press button **"Start Download"** or **"Download later".** If in clipboard there is URL it is used as initial value.

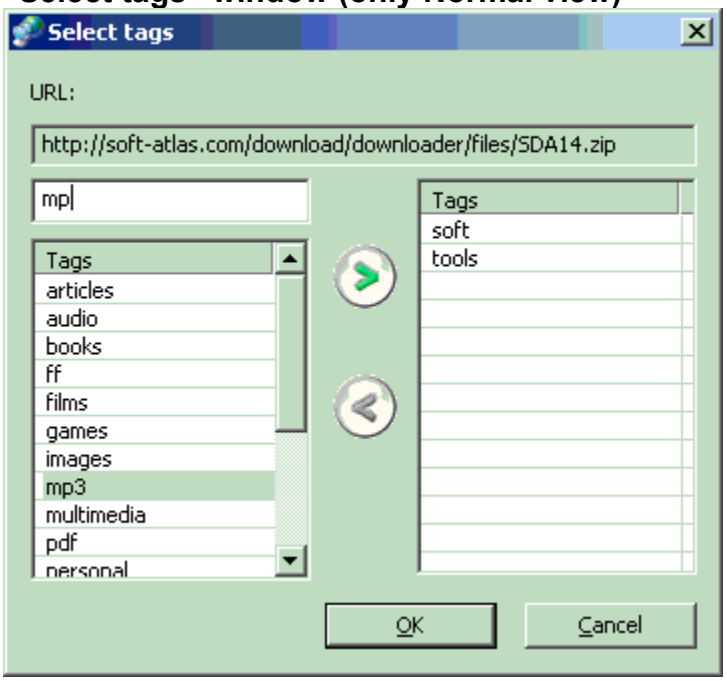
"Add download" window

If you want only to keep the URL without downloading press button **"Download later".**. In this case the URL will be only added in the Download list. To begin download it is needed press button **"Start/Resume download"** in SDA menu **Downloads**.
Also in this window you can:
- Enter the brief description of the downloading file. For example, "my favorites song";
- Choose a folder in which you plan to keep downloading file;
- Choose a group to which you refer this downloading file. For example, "Video", "Audio";
- Enter new group in "New Group" window;
- Keep downloading file under any name.

"New Group" window (only Normal view)



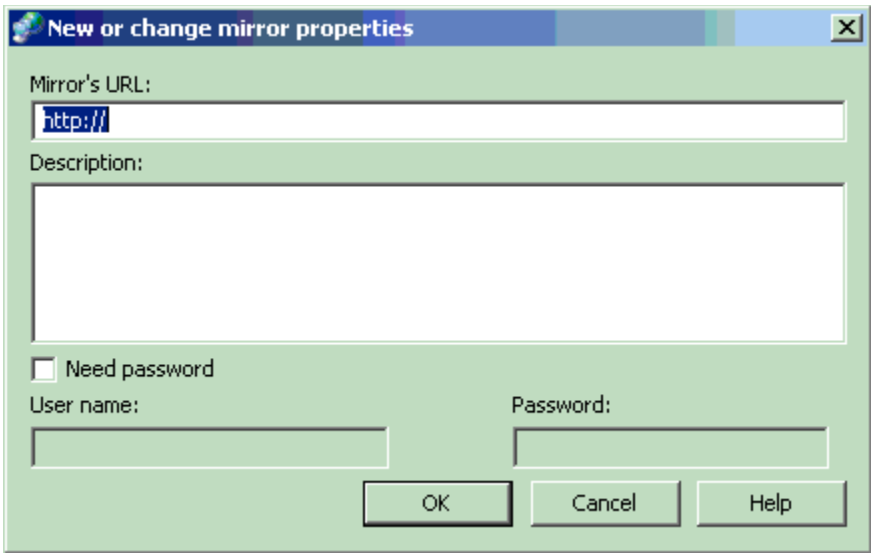
"Select tags" window (only Normal view)



Select tags for download. See also Tag Page

"Add mirror" window (only Normal view)

For every download you can add unlimited number of mirrors. You can switch between mirrors during download.



Add RSS channel (only Normal view)

1. **Choose the "Download with SDA" item from the Internet Explorer or Mozilla context menu** Click on the link with the right mouse button and choose the "Download by SDA" menu item. Then in "Add Download" window press button **"Add RSS"** to open "Add RSS channel" window.
2. If it is selected RSS page **use the " Add Download " button.** You can start download rss using button **"Add Download"** on the SDA toolbar or SDA menu (only on RSS page). In "Add RSS channel" window set URL and press button **"Download RSS"** or **"Download later".** If in clipboard there is URL it is used as initial value.

"Add RSS channel" window

Integration with Browsers

Softatlas Download Accelerator integrates with browser to simplify adding a download and ease your work. After integration is enabled SDA will automatically intercept Internet Explorer downloads and integrates to the browser context menu.

Integration settings

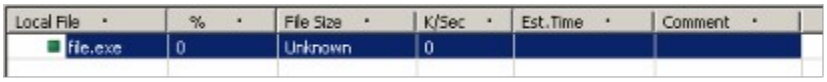
To tune the integration open the options dialog box (Menu->Options->Browser Integration)

and set the check box. The SDA is integrated in the shortcut menu of Internet Explorer/Mozilla/Firefox/Opera.

Working with download list

All files which are being or were downloaded with SoftAtlas Download Accelerator are placed in a download list.

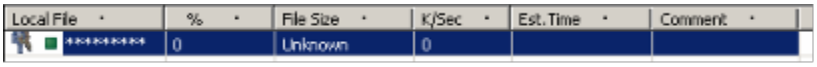
Download list
A download list is a table with the following fields:



You may select the columns you want to be displayed (enable or disable them) by clicking on the columns area using the right mouse button.
Double-click on Download open the property page for selected Download

Local File name
Download status and the name of a file being downloaded are displayed.
Status can be one of the following:

- - ready for download;
- - downloading;
- - queued or waiting connect;
- - Url verified;
- - pause;
- - downloaded;
- - error;
- - download in private regime.



In download properties dialog it is possible to set alias on a filename and URL. The information for this download is not available.

Sorting the download list
By clicking on a column title you can sort the list in either ascending or descending order. Sorting order is displayed as an arrow in the column title:

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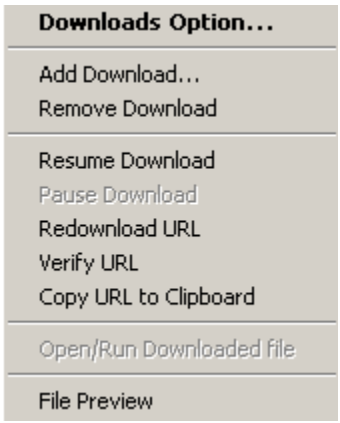
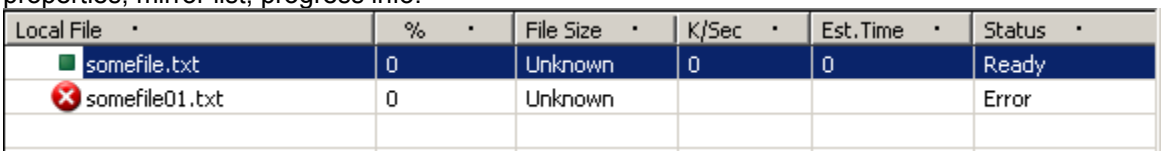
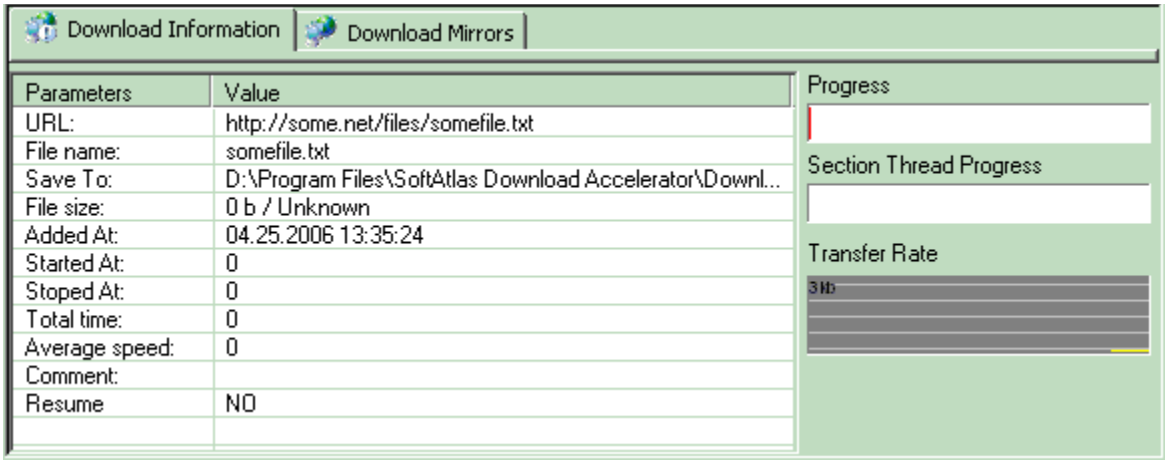
Selecting several records in the download list
To increase the efficiency of work with a download list you can select a number of records at a time. This can be done by clicking on the records while holding **Ctrl** or **Shift**. keys pressed.
Selected several records you can perform operations on them as if they were one record. For example, you can start, pause, schedule, restart or delete all selected downloads at a time.

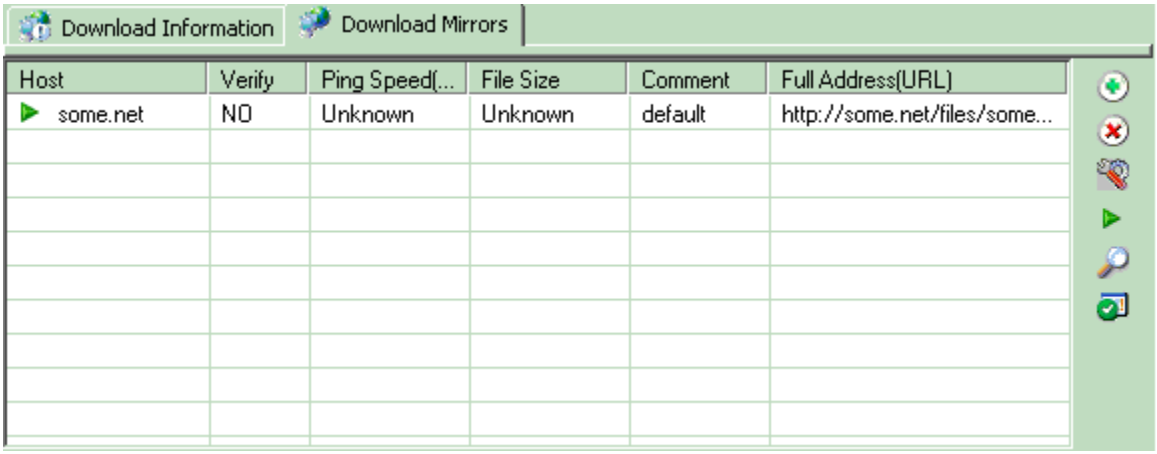
Context menu
If you click on a record in the download list the context menu will appear which gives you fast access to the most common operations which can be performed on a download. Depending on the context some of the menu items can be disabled.



Under the download list in Tab control with two pages are placed detailed information about download: properties, mirror list, progress info.







On Download Mirror page are possible next buttons:

- add mirror;

- remove mirror;

- modify mirror;

- set active mirror;

- find mirrors;

 - verify mirror;

Groups and Filters

Download groups

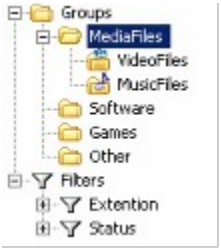
With download categories you can:

- Automatically save downloads to different folders;
- Organize your download list;
- Control download process. Start/stop/schedule all downloads of a category using simple mouse operations;

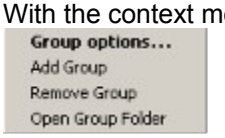
Organizing your download list

Possibility of creating unlimited number of groups (categories) and hierarchy levels lets you organize the download list according to your taste.

You can change the group of download on a options page or drag-and-drop download to any group.



With the context menu you can do the following:



- **Group options...** – view/edit properties of the current group;
- **Add** Group - create a new subgroup in the current group;
- **Remove** - delete the selected group;
- **Open group folder** - open disk folder to which downloads of this group are saved.

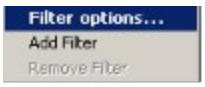
If group is deleted all downloads are moved in parent group.

Download filters

With download filters you can see different subset of downloads:

- Extension - subset of downloads filtered by file extension;
- State - subset of downloads filtered by download state;

Set of state filter is fixed. Set of Extension filters is editable by context menu:



Scheduler

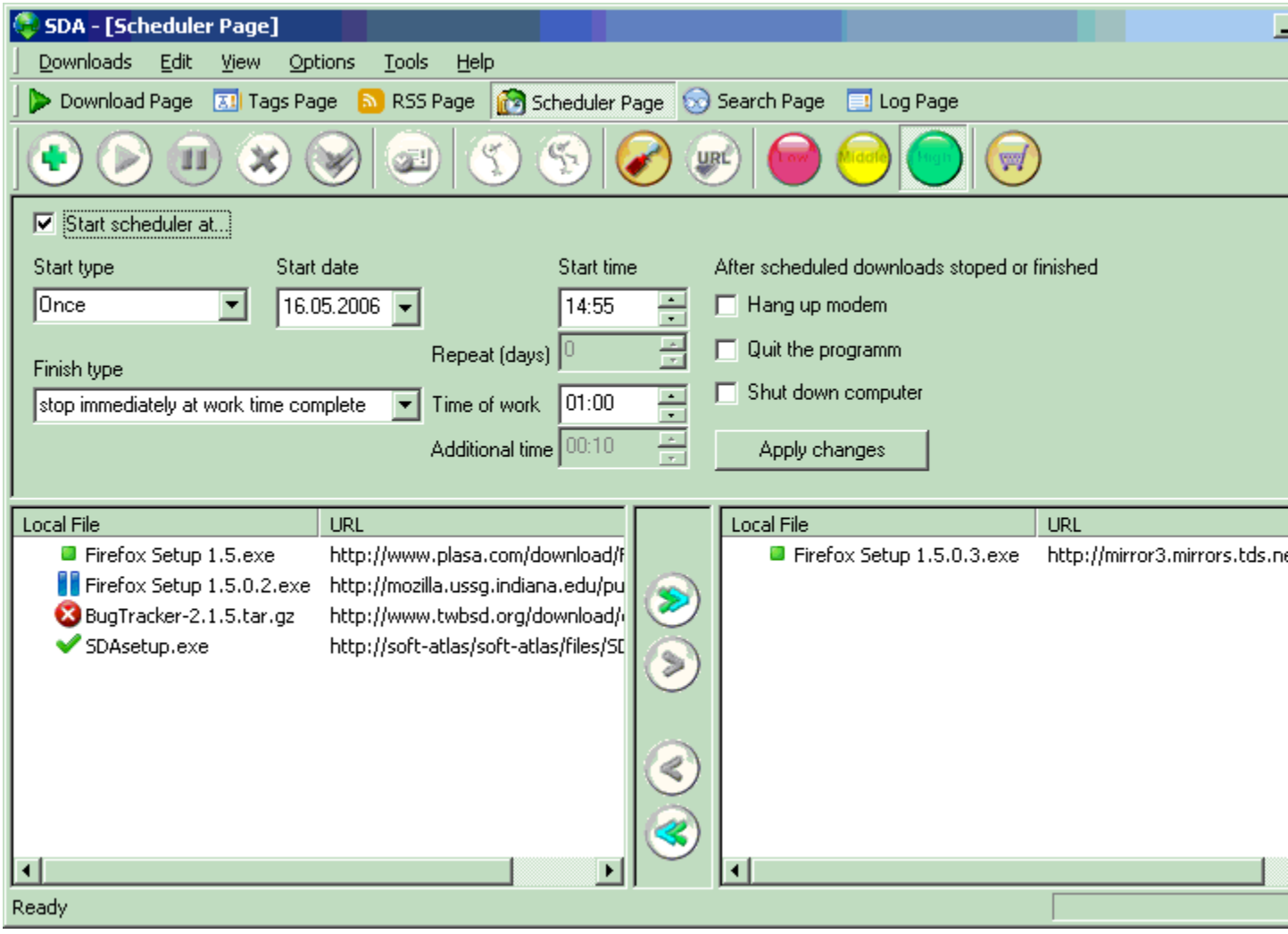
Usage of the scheduler

The scheduler allows to control operation **SoftAtlas Download Accelerator** in the automatic mode. The scheduler it is convenient to use in a case:

- it is necessary to download files at certain time or on certain days of week;
- it is necessary to disconnect from the Internet or shut down PC at certain time.

Set scheduler parameters and scheduled downloads

Select page "Schedule".



If set checkbox **"Start Scheduler at…"** scheduled downloads will start will start according to the schedule.

Start type. Set day, time and start parameters of the scheduler:

Once - the scheduler starts once at the specified time;
Daily - the scheduler starts every N (set value) days at the specified time.

Finish type. Set scheduler finish time and scheduler finish parameters.
After finish time new scheduled downloads not start.
Immediately - immediately stop all started scheduled downloads.
Finish all started downloads - all started scheduled downloads load to end.
Additional time to finish started downloads - all started scheduled downloads load to fixed time.

You can set additional finish parameters:

Shut down PC

If this option is checked SDA will shut down the PC when scheduled downloads are completed.

Close the program

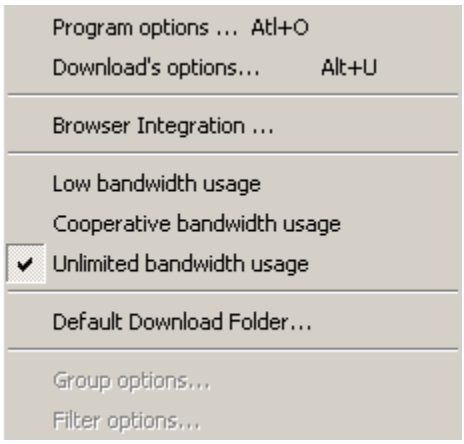
If this option is checked SDA will quit when scheduled downloads are completed.

Disconnect from Internet

If this option is checked SDA will disconnect from the Internet when scheduled downloads are completed.
This option works only if you use dial-up connection.

For choice scheduled downloads it is necessary move downloads from the left list (all not scheduled downloads) to the right list (scheduled downloads).

General Settings



General application parameters:
dialog Program options,
dialog Browser Integration
radio buttons Bandwidth
dialog Default download Folder
See **Options, Getting Started,** and **Integration into Browsers.**

Program options dialog is available from menu Options. and toolbar button
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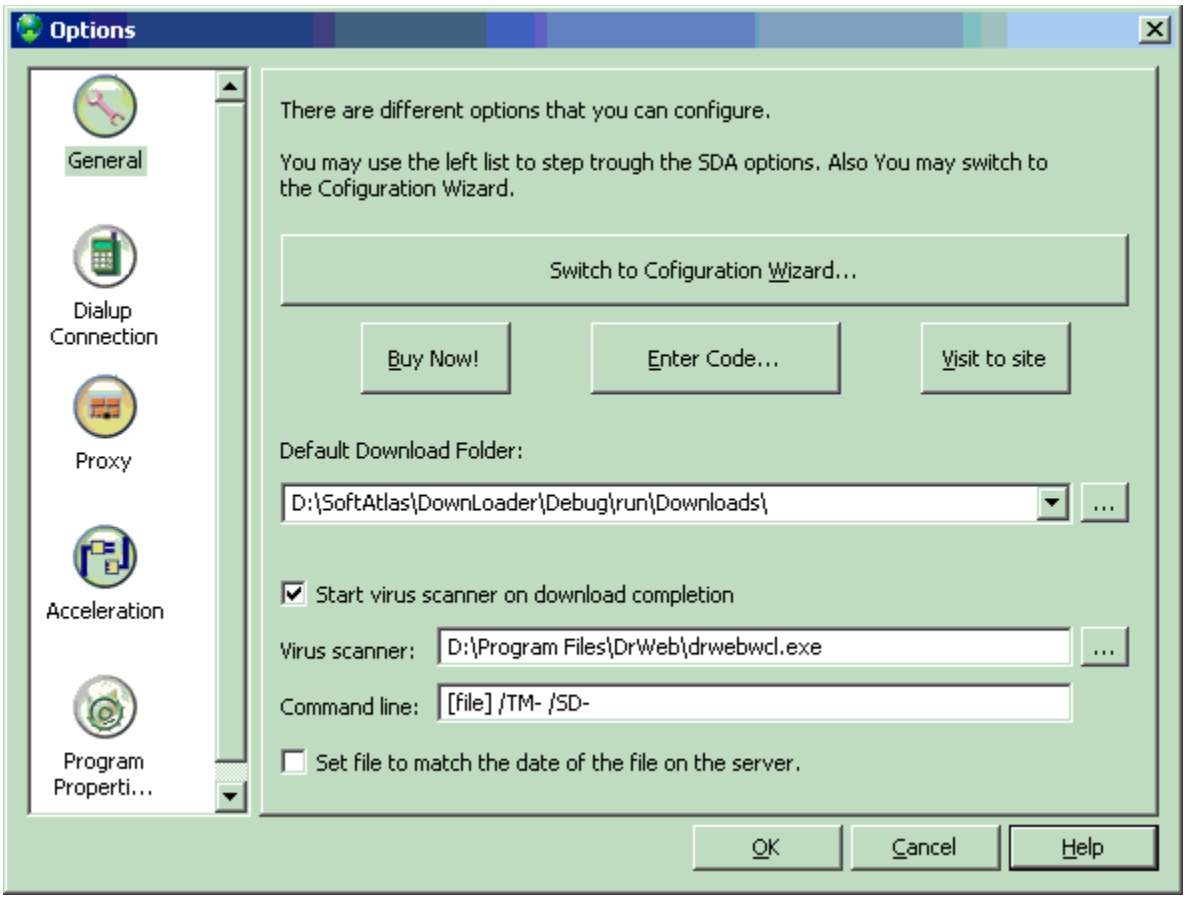


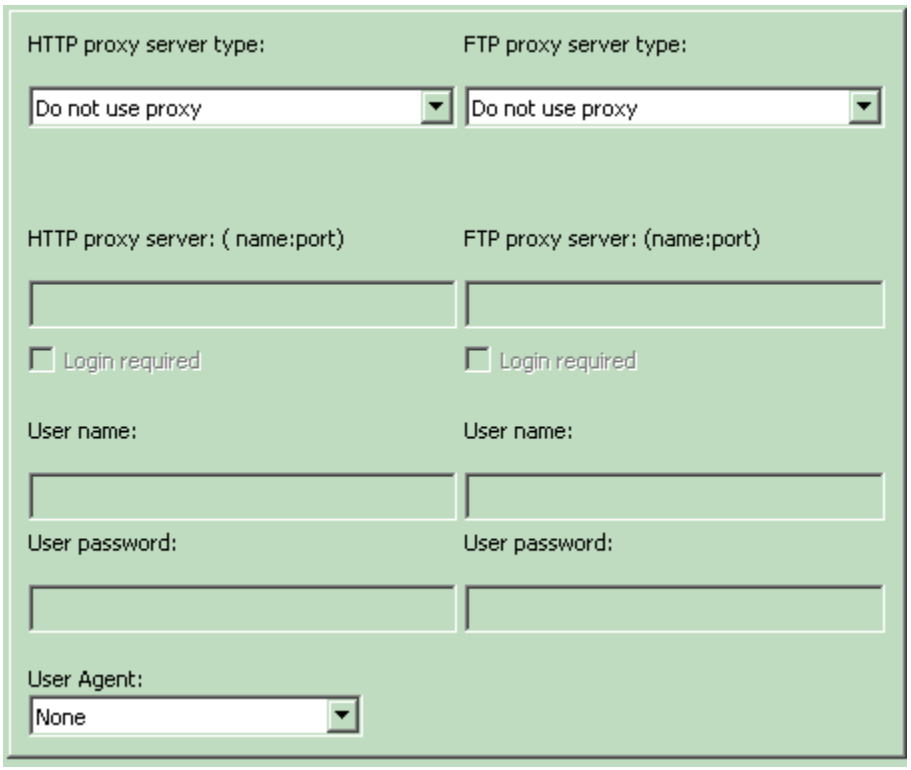
If you would like to run antiviral software on download completion, you should type or browse the complete path to the executable file (see picture).
In the "Command line" set parameters according to antiviral software documentation. [file] is the place where SDA set the complete path to a downloaded file.
For example:
If you use Norton AntiVirus Command-Line Scanner.
In the "Command line" set parameters [file] /M- /S-

If no parameters are set, SDA will execute antiviral software appending the complete path to a downloaded file.

If checkbox (Set file to match the date of the file on the server) is checked: SDA will set the file date/time to be the same as on the server when the file has finished downloading (e.g. server date is 01.01.1999, not the current date).

Parameters of HTTP and FTP proxy-servers.

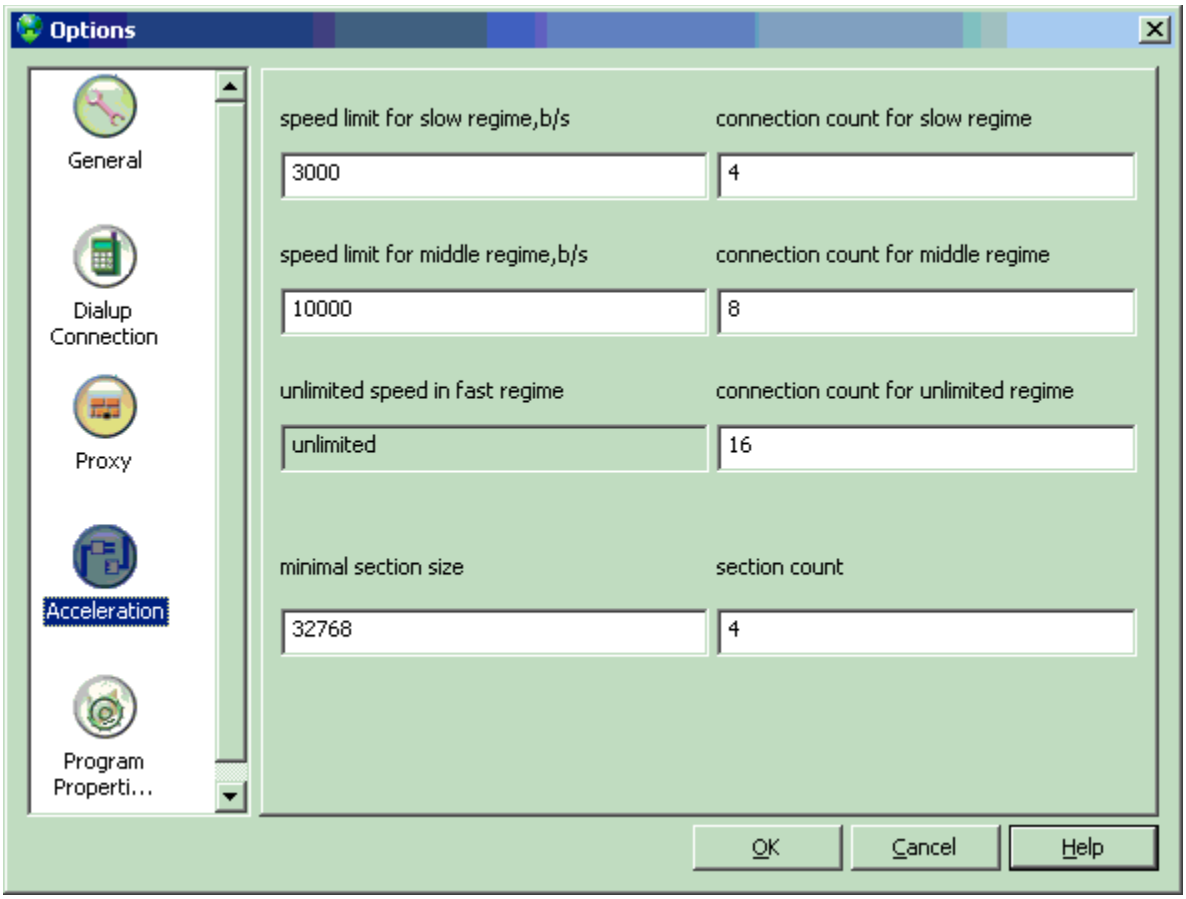
Your organization may use a proxy server to regulate access to the Internet, and prevent external computers from accessing company networks. If your organization uses a proxy server, you may need to configure SDA to use that server.



User-Agent

This option defines how SDA will present itself to a remote HTTP server. If you encounter problems with download choose one of the popular browsers.

Acceleration



Connection count, speed limits, section size and count

Unlimited regime
Use maximum speed while downloading files.

Medium regime
Use medium speed while downloading files. Allows you to download files and at the same time effectively work on the Internet. You may set the maximum download speed and number of file section.

Slow regime
Use low speed while downloading files. It's a very useful if you have enough time for your downloads or you are using the Internet actively. You may set the maximum download speed and number of threads per download.

Dialup Connection

If set " Dial" **SDA** will automatically establish communication at download start and at start of the scheduler. Works only at presence of connections and installed RAS.

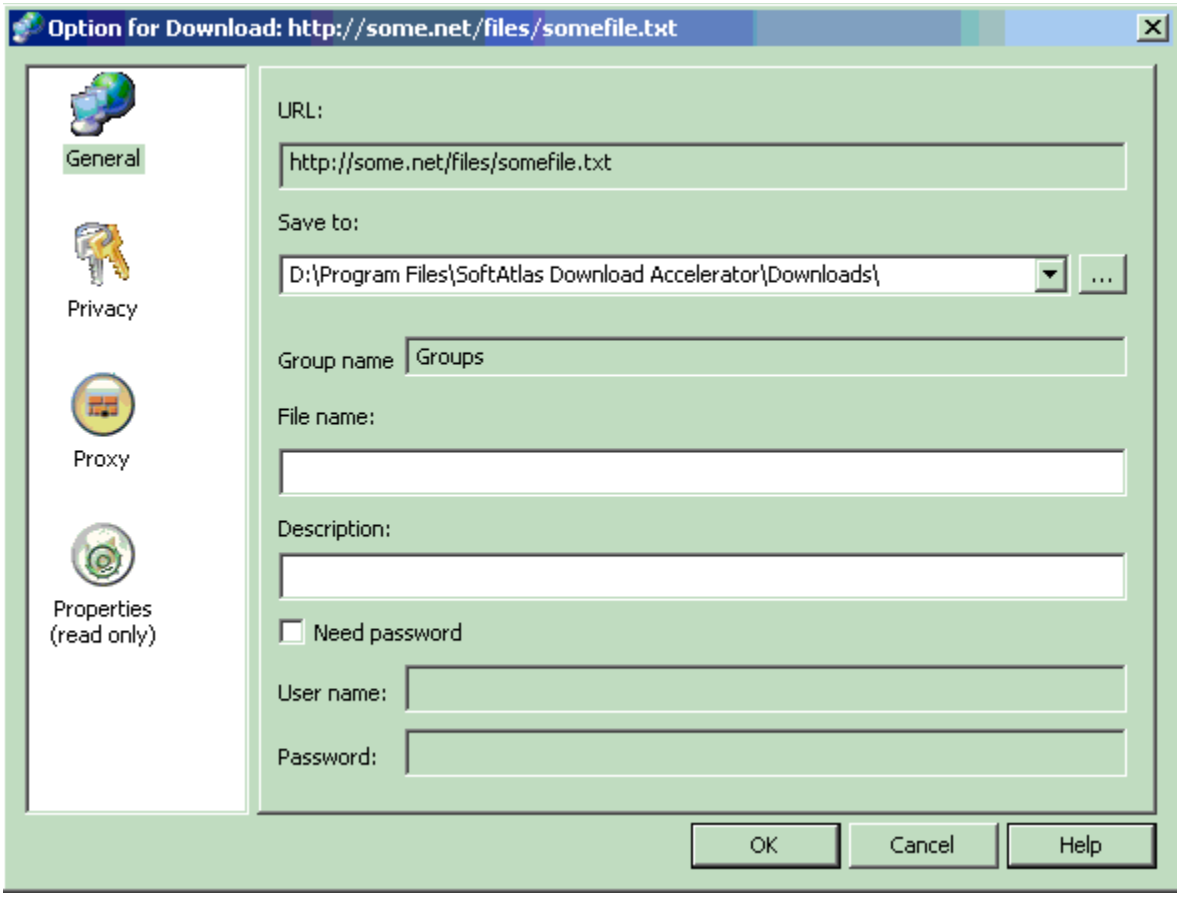
If set "Do not dial" SDA will not establish communication automatically.

Download Settings

Properties dialog is available from main menu **Download's option**, toolbar button , when you pick **Properties** item in the popup menu of download list or when you double click on the download (file) name.
See **Options**, **Getting Started**

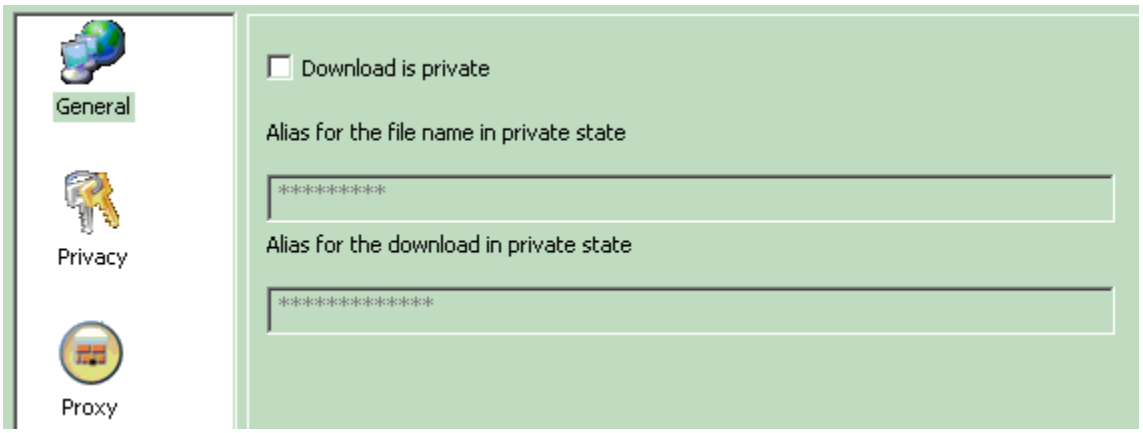
General

You can set path and file name for save download, download description and (if needed) user name and password for connection to server.



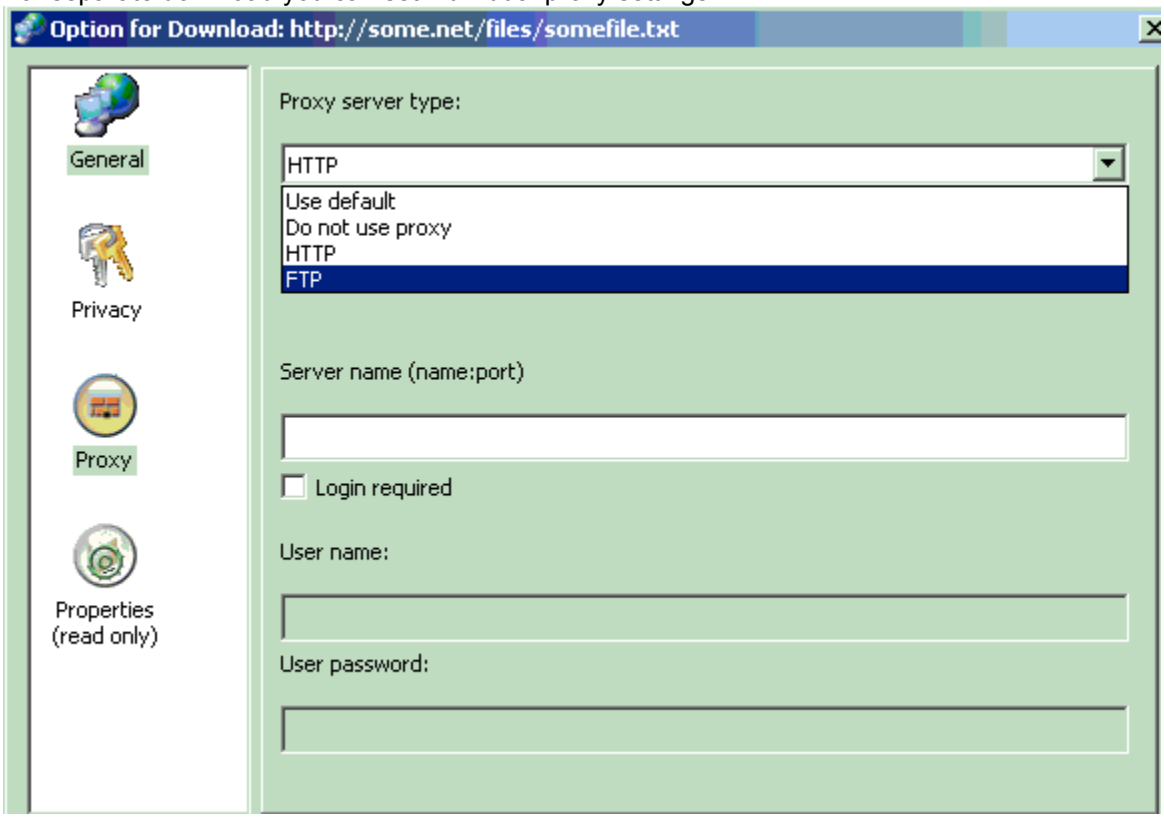
Security

You can secure download and display not real url and file name, but their alias



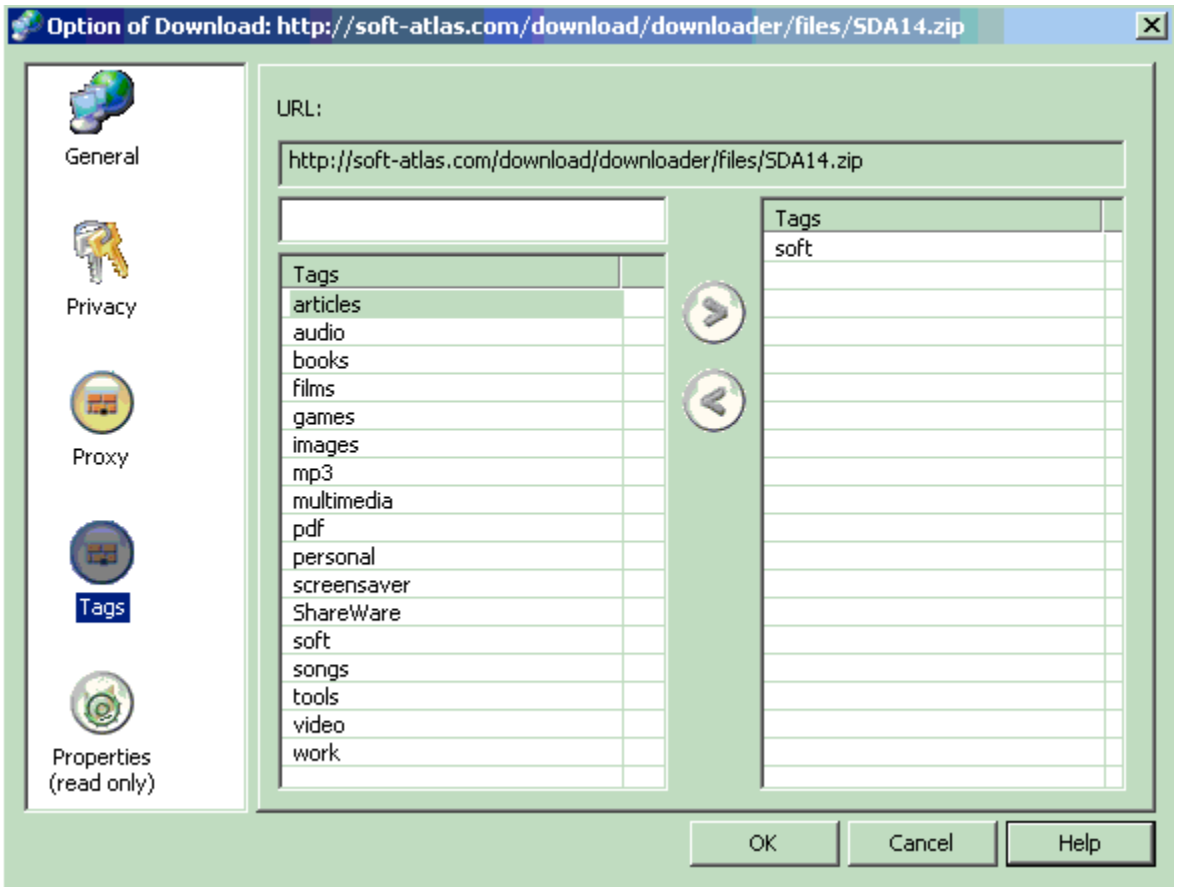
Proxy

For separate download you can set individual proxy settings.



Tags

For separate download you can set individual tags.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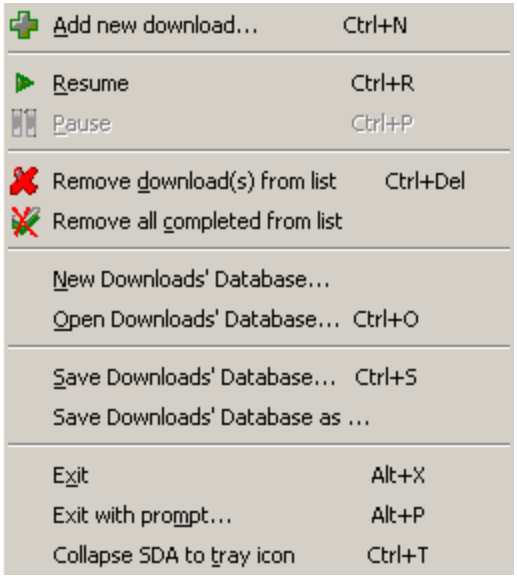
Menu - Download



Downloads

Add new download…

Open window "**Add download**". See **Getting started**.

Resume (Start)

Start/Resume selected download(s).

Pause

Stop selected downloads (After start download will continue from current position (if server support resume).

Remove download(s) from list

Remove selected download(s) from list

Remove all completed from list

Remove all completed download(s) from list

Downloads Database

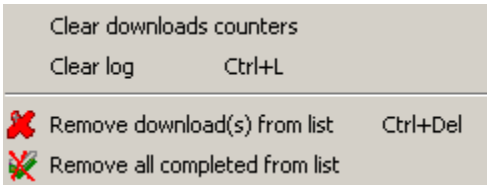
New Downloads Database…
Create and save on disk new Downloads Database (downloads list and settings).

Open Downloads Database…
Open existing new Downloads Database.

Save Downloads Database...
Save current Downloads Database on disk.

Save Downloads Database as ...
Save current Downloads Database on disk with new name.

Menu - Edit



Clear downloads counters
Clear all download size counters.

Clear log
Clean log page window

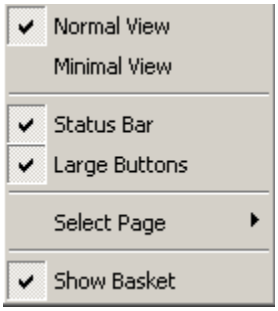
Remove download(s) from list

Remove selected download(s) from list

Remove all completed from list

Remove all completed download(s) from list

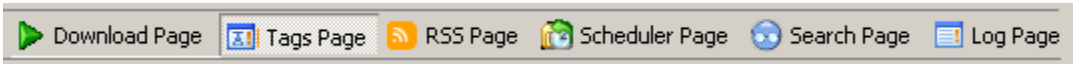
Menu - View



Normal/Minimal view
For convenience of various users SDA can be used in two modes (views): normal and minimal (see **General**)

Select Page
In Normal view is available some page. See **Download Page**, **Scheduler**, **Log page**, **Search page**.

For page selection can be used also **Page selection bar**



Menu - Options

In menu Options are set:

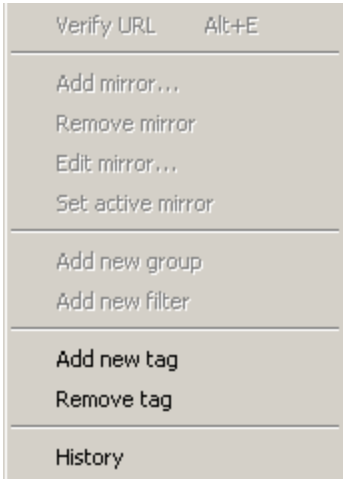
General program options (see General settings)
Download options (Download settings)

Program and Download options dialog is available also from toolbar

Group Options
In Group options dialog are set name, description and disk folder for selected group.

Filter Options
In Filter Options dialog are set name and filter expression for extension filters

Menu - Tools



Verify Url (is available also from toolbar)
Connect to server and verify existing of file.

Operation with download mirrors:

- add mirror;
- remove mirror;
- modify mirror;
- set active mirror;
- find mirrors;
- verify mirror.

Those are available also on Download Mirror page. See **Working with download list**

Operation with groups and filters:

- add mirror;
- add filter;
- remove mirror;
- remove filter.

See **Download groups and filters**.

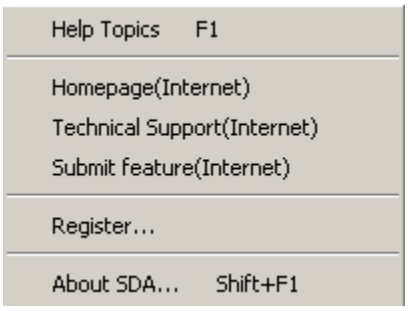
Operation with tags

- add tag;

- remove tag;

See **Tag page.**

Menu - Help



Help Topic
SDA help system contents

Home page
Open the Softatlas Download Accelerator web site.

Technical support
Softatlas Download Accelerator support forum.

Submit Feature
Open the SDA submit feature page.

Register…

Show the registration window.

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To get more information and download the latest version of the program visit the official Softatlas Download Accelerator web site http://www.soft-atlas.com

Using Download bar

also see Menu Download

With **SDA** toolbar you can make the following operations

1 - Add new download;
2 - Start/Resume selected download(s);
3 - Stop selected download(s);
5 - Remove selected download(s) from list;
6 - Remove all completed download(s) from list;
7 - Verify selected download(s);
8 - Set private for selected download(s);
9 - Set private for all downloads;
10 - Set SDA parameters;
11 - Set parameters for selected download;
12-14 - Set download speed;
15 - Open **SoftAtlas Download Accelerator** home page

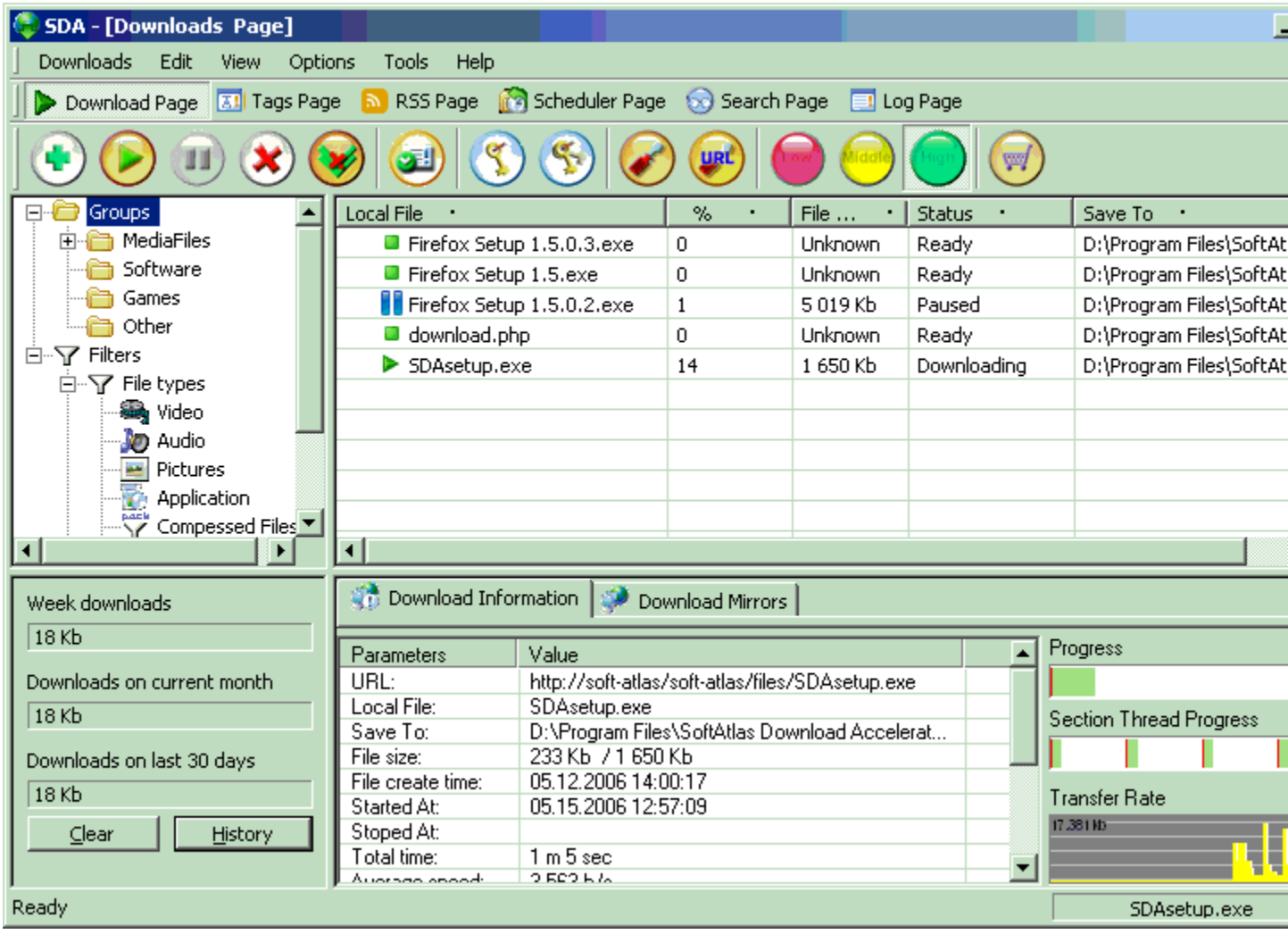
GENERAL

For convenience of various users SDA can be used in two modes (views).

Simplified **Minimal View** it intended for the beginning users and the users, doing not wish to watch(keep up) and independently set various advanced SDA parameters. In this one-page view user work mainly with download list.

Remaining users can use **Normal View**. This is multipage mode (view). The user can group downloads by different criteria, work with mirrors, search for files in the Internet, use Scheduler, manually set many parameters.

see Download Page



Download page

On this page are presented: download groups and filters, download list and their properties, the download size counters.

See **Using SDA toolbar**, **Download groups and filters** and **Work with downloads list**

Scheduler page

On this page are presented scheduler properties and list of scheduled downloads. User can set scheduler parameters and edit list of scheduled downloads.

see Scheduler

Log Page

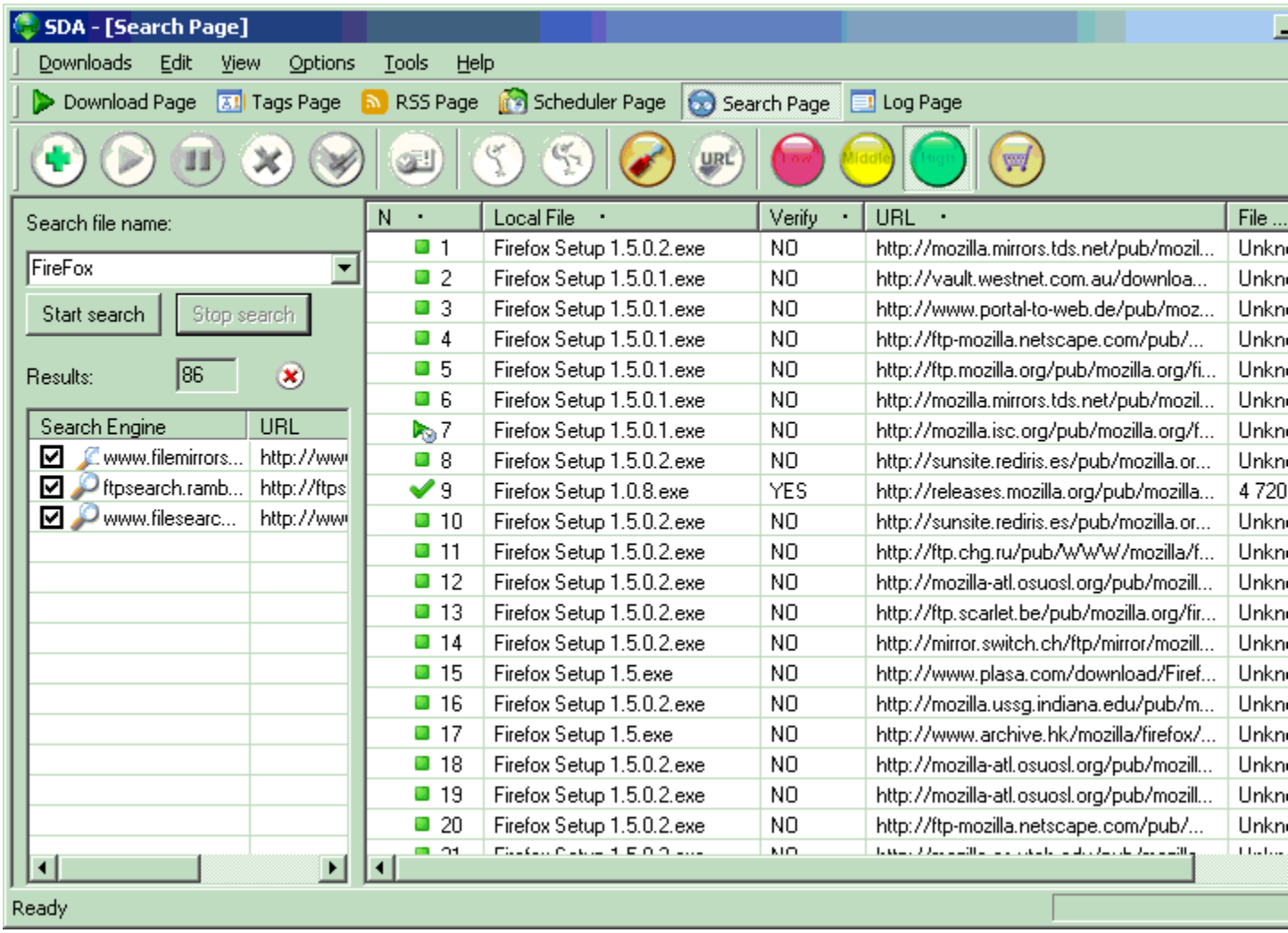
The downloads log contains: messages sent to servers, massages received from servers, connection protocol, download events, record of the program's actions etc.

By clicking with right mouse button on the log window you will the context menu. With this menu you can do the following:

- copy the selected records;
- select all records;
- clear log by context menu.

Search Page

The search page contains list of searching sites and list of find url. Find url can be added to download list.



Toolbar

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Registration

You are free to evaluate Softatlas Download Accelerator (SDA) for up to 30 days. Beyond the 30 day evaluation period, you must register or be in violation of the SDA's license agreement.

The registration fee for Softatlas Download Accelerator is $16.95.

Methods of payment.

We offer the following payments types:

- Secure online payment by Credit Card;
- Traditional payment by Credit Card, Bank/Wire Transfer, Check including;
- Check / Money Order;
- Credit Card Order by Fax;
- Credit Card Order by Phone;
- Purchase Order;

After registering SDA You receive Your **registration code.**

After you receive your registration code, you will need to register your copy of SAD by entering your Registration Code into the SDA program. To do this, select **Help | Register…** in the SDA Main menu, enter your Registration Code and press **OK.**

As a registered user you get the following advantages:
1. You can use Softatlas Download Accelerator with no limitations;
2. You can use functions inaccessible in the trial version;
3. All the "Shareware Reminder" windows will be removed;
4. Unlimited free Email support;

Registration page : "http://www.soft-atlas.com/buy.htm"

We will send you your registration information via e-mail.

If you have any problems or questions, please, e-mail to: mailto:support@soft-atlas.com

We hope that you'll enjoy using our program.

Minimal view

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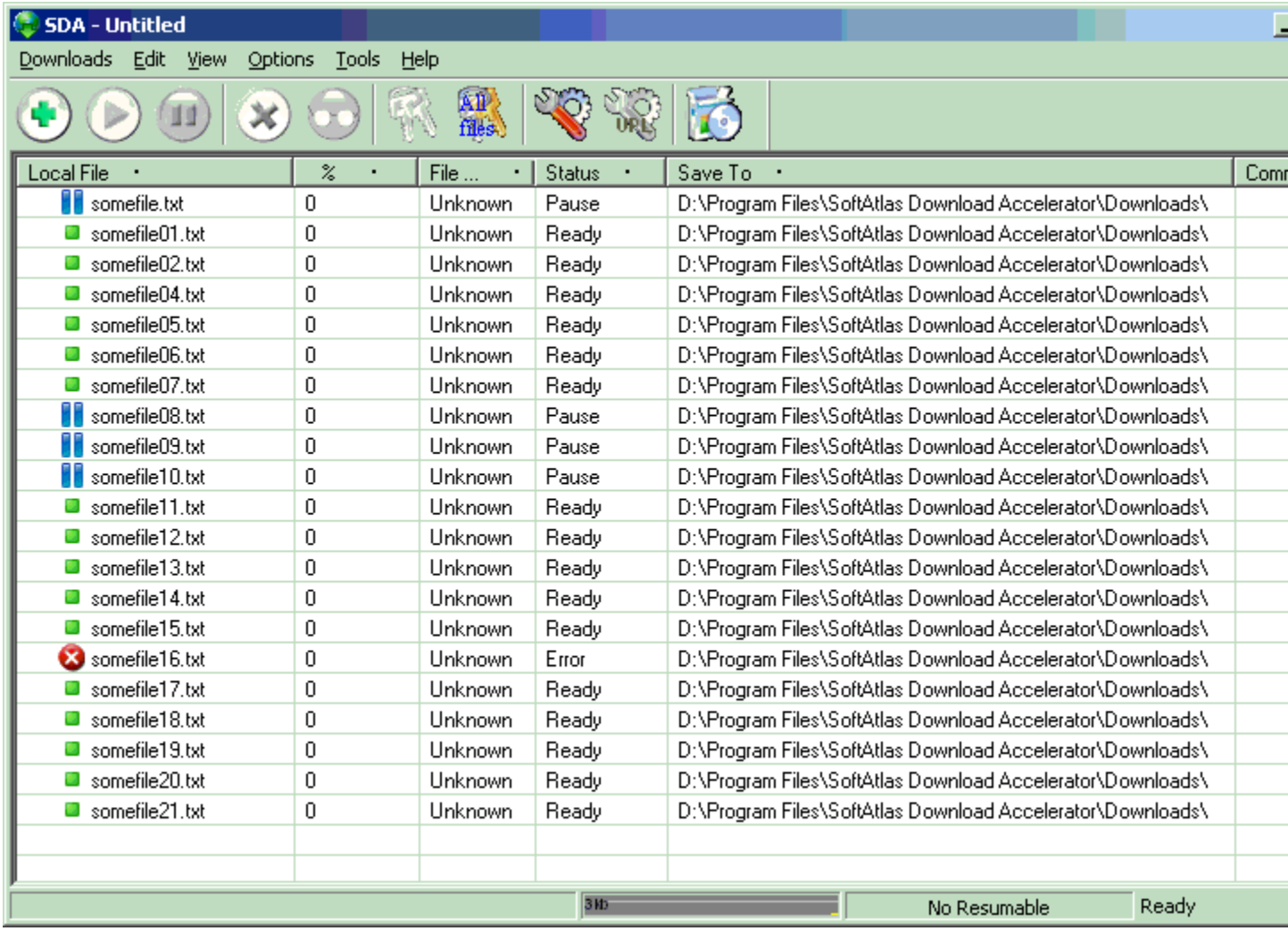
For operation in this simply mode it is enough to look sections **Getting Started**, **Using SDA toolbar**, **Work with downloads list**



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See **Using SDA toolbar**, **Download groups and filters** and **Work with downloads list**

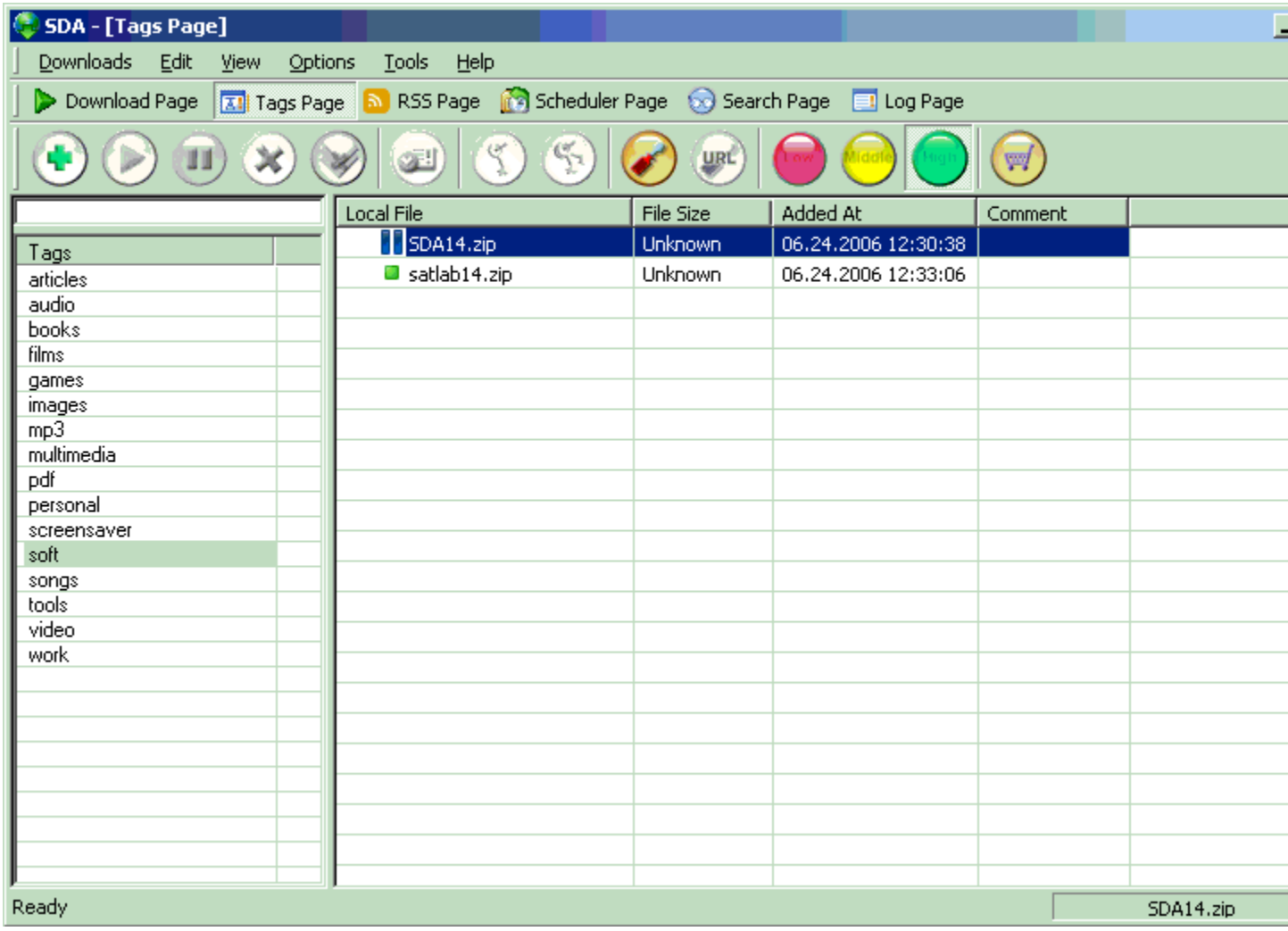
Tag Page

A tag is a keyword associated with an item (download) as means of classification. Tags are chosen informally and personally by the author/creator of the item (download) — i.e. not usually as part of some formally defined classification scheme. Tags are typically used in dynamic, flexible.

Typically, a download will have one or more "tags" associated with it, as part of classification system. The SDA will provide filtering of downloads that share that keyword tag. This allows for multiple "browseable paths" through the downloads which can quickly and easly be altered.

Selection of "tag terms" is highly individualistic. Different people may use drastically different terms to describe the same concept.

Although "tagging" is often promoted as an alternative to organization by a hierarchy of categories, more and more resources seem to use a hybrid system, where items are organized into categories, with finer classification distinctions being made by the use of tags.



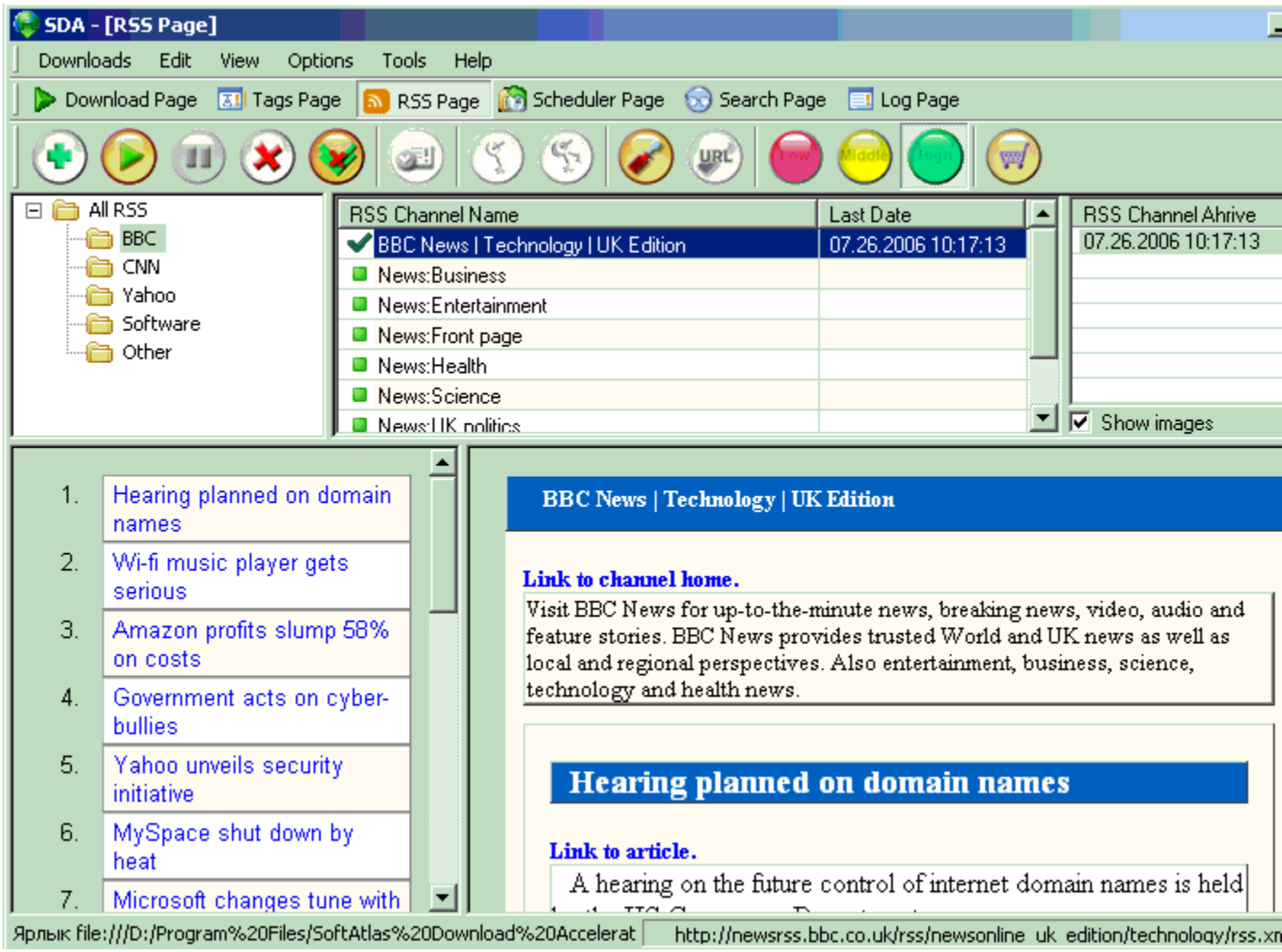
On a page on the right the list of URL is shown according to chosen on the left tag.

Select tag to Url see: Getting Started

RSS Page

On this page are presented: RSS groups, RSS channel list, list of RSS archive.

See Using download toolbar



See also: Getting Started