

Preferences

The Preferences... command in the Edit menu displays the Preferences dialog, which is used to configure several aspects of the way File Buddy behaves. The preferences are now divided into four groups: General, Get Info, File Finding, and File List. They are:

General Preferences

When File Buddy Launches:

Use this popup to set what File Buddy does when you start it up without dropping files on it.

Default Drop Action:

Use this popup to set what File Buddy does when you files on it while holding no keys down. The four choices are discussed in Drag & Drop Behaviors.

Hide Windows When In Background

When this box is checked, all windows except the Copy progress dialog box will be hidden whenever another application or Finder is brought forward while File Buddy is running. This is to reduce clutter if you like to leave File Buddy running most of the time.

Get Info Preferences

Don't Alert When Setting Invisible Flag

Setting an item's Invisible flag in the Get Info window prevents it from being seen in the Finder. By default, there's an alert warning you that if an item is made invisible, File Buddy or some other utility will be needed to make it visible again. If this box is checked, you won't see the warning.

Use Larger Dialog if it fits on Main Screen

The Get Info dialog presents a lot of information, which requires the use of fairly small text in order to fit on the 512x342 Macintosh monitors. For the benefit of those using larger monitors, there is an option to use a larger dialog on 610x384 or larger monitors. This should be of particular interest to Kanji users and users who have difficulty reading 9 point Geneva text.

File Finding Preferences

Faster (Less Responsive) Searching

File finding now runs in two modes. The default is more responsive than in previous versions. When this box is checked searches are a little faster, but expect noticeable delays responding to your actions during some searches, especially those that search for text in files.

Don't search a disk if the name starts with

Use this to always exclude certain disks from searches. In a future version this will probably become a list.

File List Preferences

Option-Key File List Action

This popup lets you set what File Buddy will do if you act on an item in the file list window while holding the Option key down. The options are to close the file list window and to quit File Buddy.