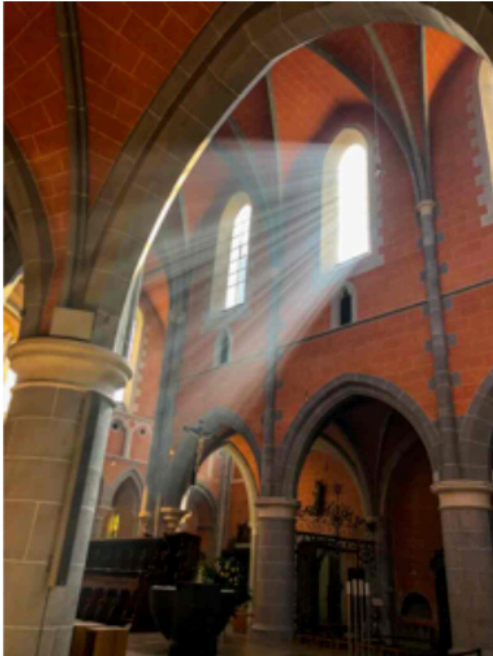# NeoFinder
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NeoFinder 8.9: Catalog WEBP, WMA and JPEG XL files – Expanded Audio and Video Converter – Mastodon Integration – Bug fixes
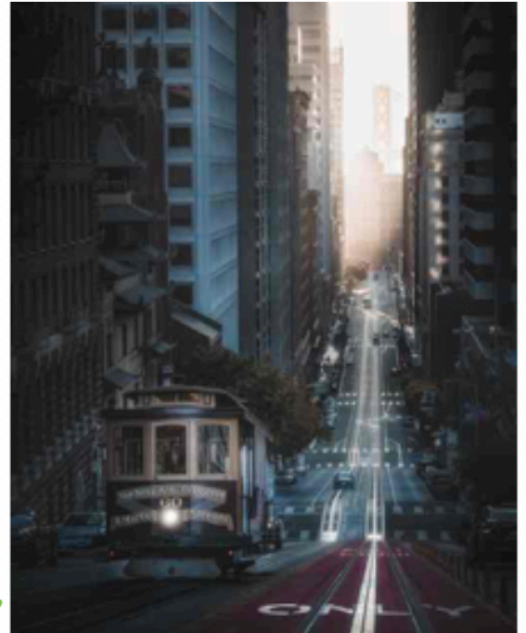
Plus lots of smaller improvements and bug fixes.

Catalog WEBP, WMA and JPEG XL files

Adding to the long list of supported media file types for cataloging thumbnails and metadata, NeoFinder 8.9 is supporting WEBP, WMA and JPEG XL files.

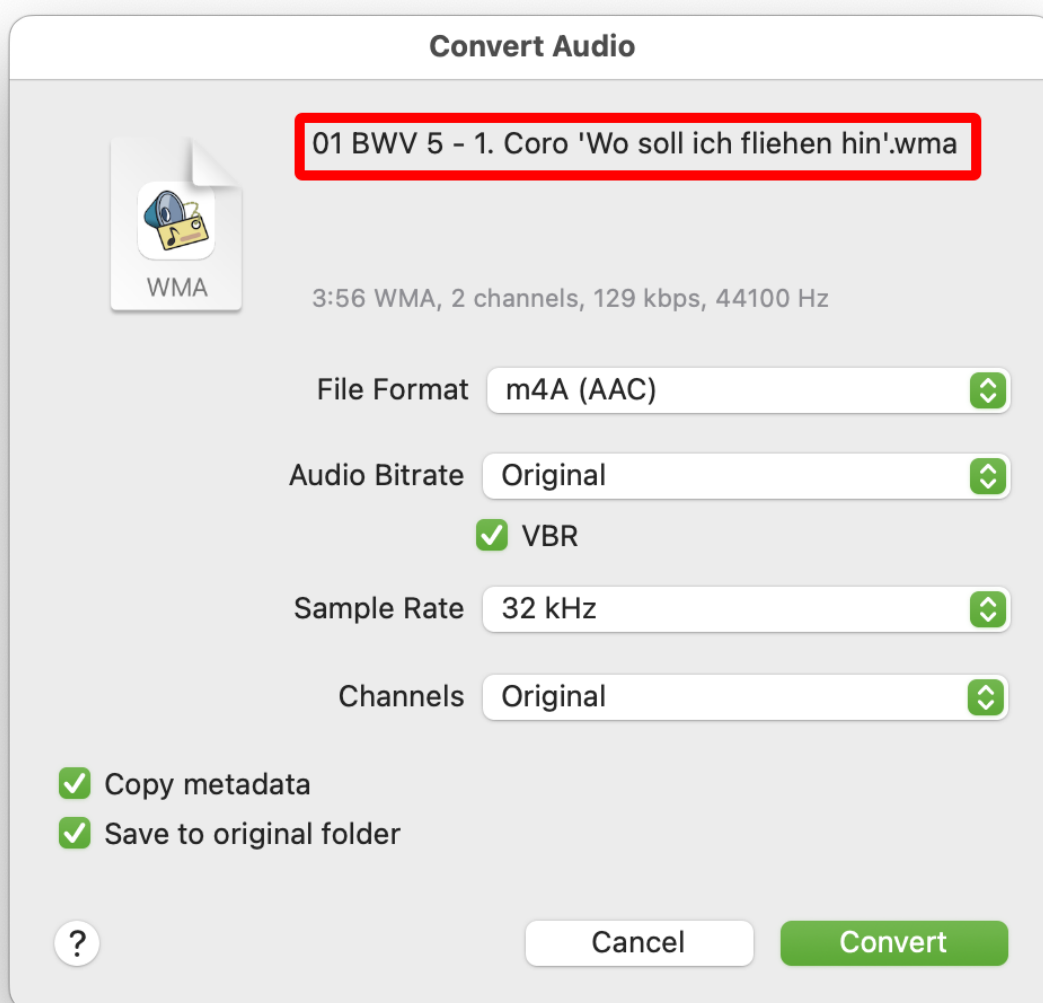

IMG_0615 EDIT.jxl
3024 x 4032

nft.webp
5261 x 6576

19 The Sound Of Silence.wma
4:01 WMA, 2 channels, 322 kbps, 44100 Hz
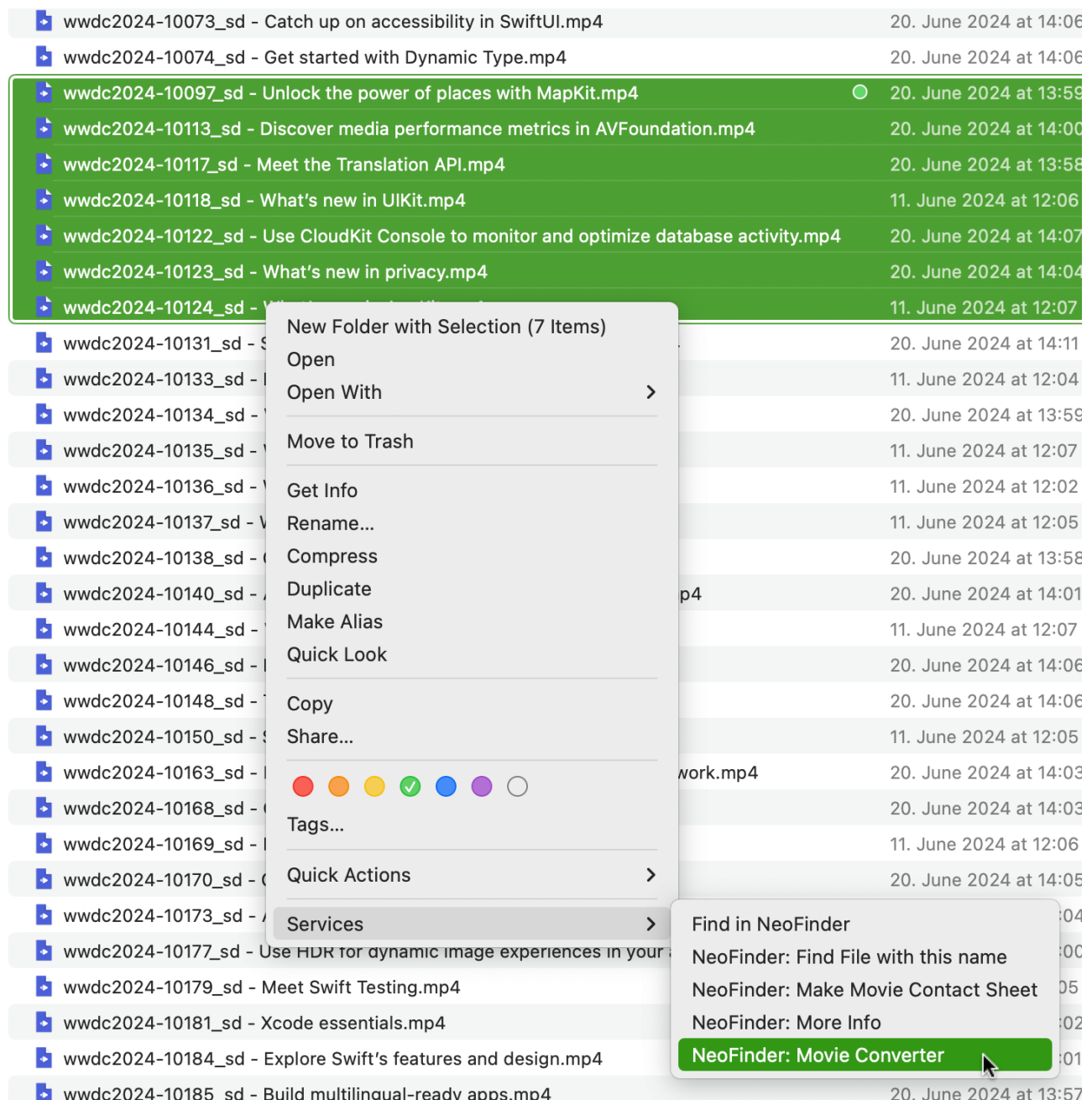
Expanded Audio Converter

The integrated Audio Converter is now able to convert WMA audio files to another format, can be invoked directly from inside the macOS Finder in the Services menu, or even by using AppleScript.

Also, the freshly created audio files can be placed in the same folder than the original source files, for easier conversion of multiple songs at once.

Convert Audio

01 BWV 5 - 1. Coro 'Wo soll ich fliehen hin'.wma

WMA

3:56 WMA, 2 channels, 129 kbps, 44100 Hz

File Format   m4A (AAC)

Audio Bitrate   Original

☑ VBR

Sample Rate   32 kHz

Channels   Original

☑ Copy metadata
☑ Save to original folder

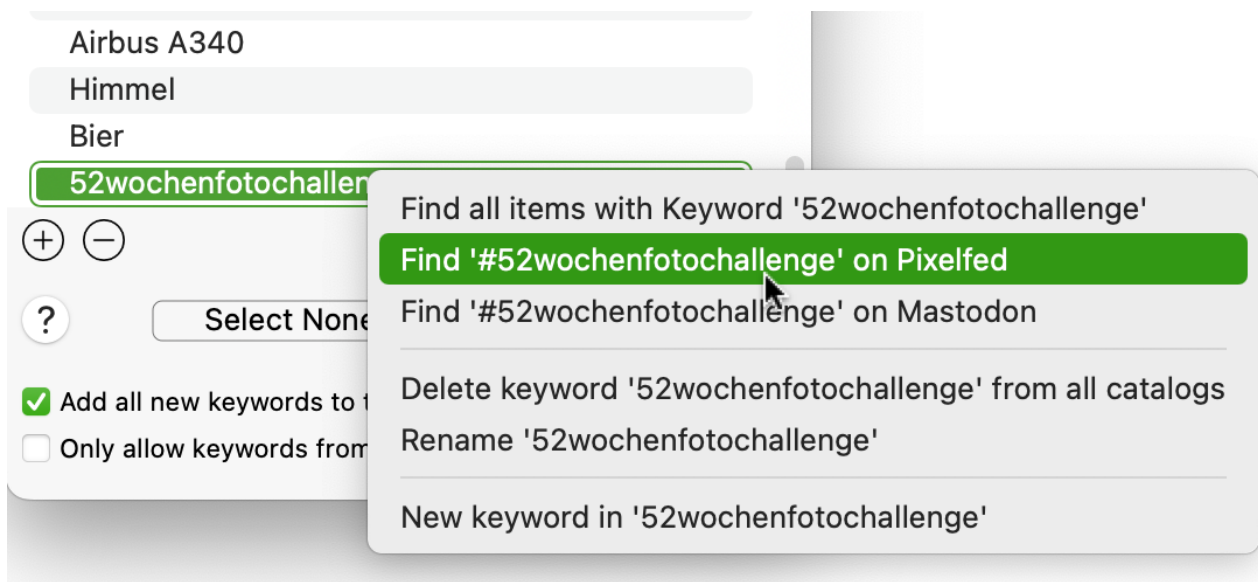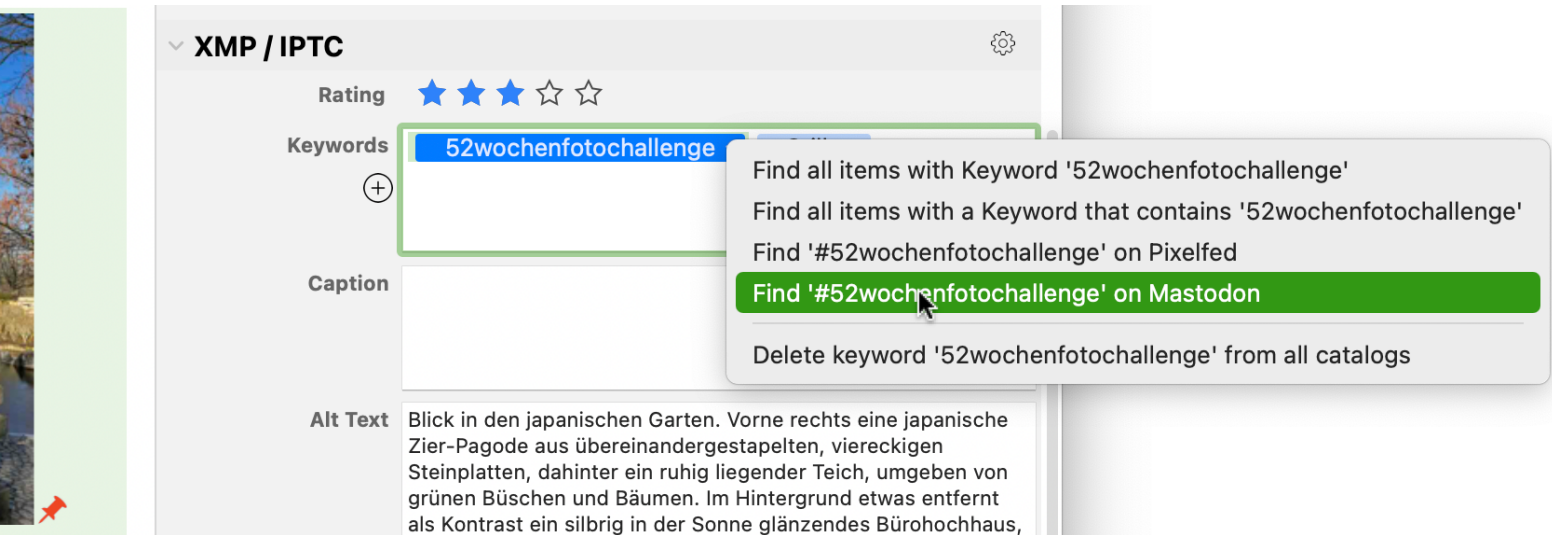?   Cancel   Convert

Expanded Video Converter

Invoking the integrated Video Converter of NeoFinder is now also possible directly in the Services menu of the macOS Finder, and that even works for multiple files at once.

Mastodon and Pixelfed Integration

NeoFinder can now search for Keywords being used as "hashtags" in both Mastodon and also the new Pixelfed photo network.

This is being done in the Keyword Menu of the NeoFinder Inspector, and also in the context menu for a keyword in the Controlled Vocabulary of NeoFinder.

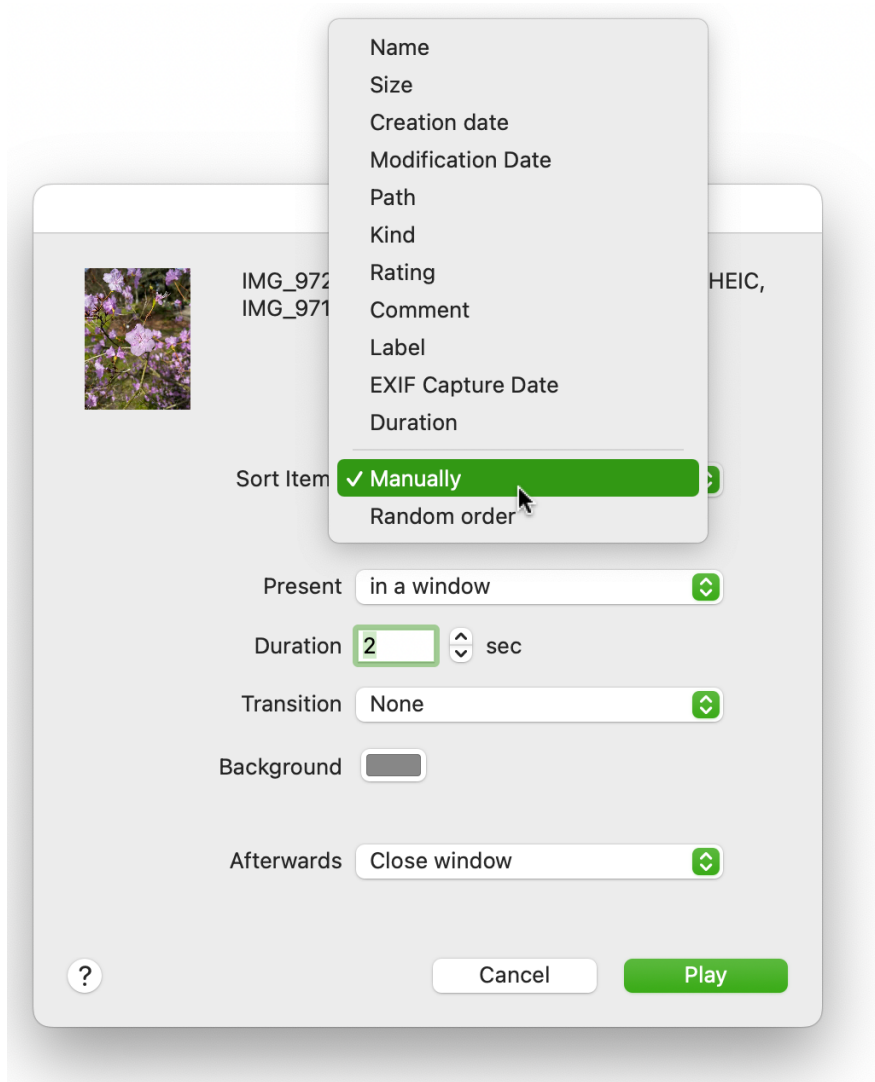## Slideshow sorting expanded

It was always possible to sort the photos to be shown in the integrated NeoFinder Slideshow by many possible values.

NeoFinder 8.9 introduces two more:

1. "Manually" Intended for manually sorted Albums, so keep the custom sort order the user has created.

2. "Random" Perfect for background slideshows, this will indeed use a random order of the items to be shown.

Catalog "BlackMagic Cam for iOS" metadata from videos

The custom video camera app for iOS from BlackMagic adds some very interesting metadata to the MP4 files it created, and NeoFinder is now able to catalog that data as well.

EXIF (Photo Info)

Camera Maker	Apple Inc.
Camera Model	Apple iPhone 15 Pro 24mm
Software	Blackmagic Cam 2.2.000142
Lens	iPhone 15 Pro 24mm
Comment	Gamma: com.apple.rec2020.apple-log
	Day / Night: Night
	Environment: Interior
	White Balance (K): 5500
	Project: Lin
	Camera Name: iPhone
	Operator: Den
F-Stop	f1.8
Exposure Time	1 / 100 sec.
ISO	3200
Capture Date	18. 2.2025, 17:26:38

Complete list of all new features

- Catalog WEBP photo files and their metadata (requires macOS 14 or newer)
- Catalog JPEG XL photo files (".jxl") and their metadata (requires macOS 14 or newer)
- Catalog WMA audio files, read embedded ID3 tags, lyrics, and cover art
- Catalog "BlackMagic Cam for iOS" metadata from video files, like ISO, lens name, and Aperture
- Catalog Sony XML metadata from .mp4 video files
- Cataloging OGG audio files reads embedded lyrics
- NeoFinder Slideshow has "Manual" and "Random" sort orders
- Integrated Audio Converter can convert WMA files to other formats
- Integrated Audio Converter has an option to automatically place the exported files in the same folder as the original songs
- Integrated Audio Converter can be used in the Services menu directly in the Finder, and works for multiple selected song files at once
- Integrated Audio Converter can be launched by AppleScript
- Integrated Video Converter can handle multiple selected video files in the Services menu of the Finder
- Global menu bar search tool is launched at login by a more modern and hopefully more reliable system framework in macOS 13 and newer
- Global menu bar search tool contains code to prevent multiple launches when the app is already running
- Integrated Mastodon and Pixelfed to search for Tags and Keywords
- List View has two more optional columns: "Alt Text" and "Extended Description"
- Copy media files to the Finder will also copy .phos sidecar files, just as .xmp sidecar files
- Remembers selected Catalog Folders in LIBRARY for the next launch
- Remembers open separate content windows and their positions for the next launch of NeoFinder
- Undo Selection works in all five view styles (previously only in Icon View)
- Expert Setting to ignore embedded cover art in video files

- Inspector shows the video codecs "hev1" and "hvc1" as separate values, they are really not the same, and only "hev1" is supported by macOS lately
- Lossless rotation of images has a progress if more than 10 files are to be rotated
- The unique ImageID can be deleted from photos
- Updated EXIFTool to the latest version

Bug fixes

Stability is a very important goal for us, and thus we are proud to fix the bugs as we encounter them. NeoFinder 8.9 fixes numerous bugs, including:

- Improved cataloging of Samsung .srw RAW thumbnails
- Improved cataloging Finder color labels for files
- Improved exporting multiple folders as Web Galleries
- Massively reduced memory usage when searching for similar photos based on their AutoTags
- The PLUS and MINUS buttons for all lists in the DatabaseSettings window are properly white in Dark Mode
- Improves behaviour when cataloging video files contained in the "Use QuickLook for thumbnails" list
- Improves behaviour in the Video Contact Sheet it the video codec couldn't be used to generate thumbnails
- Fixes a problem in the Inspector for a Catalog, where old values were sometimes still shown after using "Reconnect Catalog"
- Fixes a problem where the older "Default" and "Sunset" web gallery templates sometimes didn't add all items
- Fixes a problem getting thumbnails of losslessly rotated Sony ARW files
- Cataloging folder icons only if the expert setting for that is activated
- Works around a massive memory leak of macOS 14 and macOS 15 when reading folder icons
- Fixes a problem when "Updating Metadata" might not always have stored a new thumbnail for modified files
- Improves behaviour for "data less" catalog files when shared on a cloud volume. NeoFinder will now log that in the NeoFinder Console, and ignore the file until is is downloaded
- Updating files with .phos sidecars will now only read new thumbnails and metadata if that .phos file was modified, or the original media file
- Improved "Lucid with Slideshow" web gallery template
- Addresses numerous minor issues

Pricing and Availability

The new version will be released on April 2, 2025.

NeoFinder can be downloaded free of charge from the NeoFinder website for a 30 day free demo. Afterwards, all features can be unlocked by activating an appropriate license.

The single user license for private users costs 39 USD, business licenses are available in different packages with additional features that can be combined according to the number of users.

Cross-grades from other products are available.

NeoFinder 8.9 is another free **update** for NeoFinder 8.x users

The new version is a **paid upgrade** for users of NeoFinder 7.x, NeoFinder 6.x, or CDFinder.

https://cdfinder.de/download.html

System Requirements

NeoFinder 8.9 requires macOS 10.14 ("Mojave") or newer, including macOS 15 "Sequoia". It works with both Intel and Apple ARM Mx hardware.

A sister product named abeMeda is available for Microsoft Windows

https://www.abemeda.com/

About NeoFinder

NeoFinder is the continued development of the well-known disk cataloging program CDFinder and is therefore one of the oldest and most comprehensive digital media asset manager tools for Apple's macOS. On the market since 1996, it has evolved into a network-compatible cross-platform solution with its Windows twin abeMeda (formerly CDWinder).
NeoFinder catalogs text, image, audio, video and many other file types, including numerous metadata from various file media. The handling is Mac-typically very simple. The cataloging process takes place almost automatically and search results are available in seconds - thanks to multi-core search and Spotlight integration including all local, non-cataloged, files. The integrated XMP editor can be used to edit metadata such as keywords, descriptions, ratings or copyright notes to image or movie files.

In addition to the Mac version, NeoFinder is also available for iPhones and iPads, as NeoFinder for iOS.

In addition to standard data, the information in the catalogs also includes a lot of other information such as EXIF, IPTC, and XMP metadata and thumbnails of photos. Album, title, artist and year for audio tracks and music CDs - data that cannot usually be found on a music CD. Photos and videos with geotags are accompanied by a map. NeoFinder also catalogues the contents of Zip, DMG, and other archives. The search options are extensive, but so transparent that even newcomers can easily use them.

Files found can be easily copied by drag&drop from the result window to the desktop or other directories and even applications. With so much ease-of-use it's not surprising that advertising agencies like Jung von Matt, newspapers like the New York Times, television companies like the BBC, Disney, music studios like Abbey Road Studios, or research institutions like NASA like to use NeoFinder. In total, NeoFinder is used by more than 120,000 users in 110 countries, from single user to site licenses.

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