



NeoFinder
The Search is Over



Press release

NeoFinder 9.0: Major new release – Improved Interface – Native RED and NEV support – Move Files – Image Capture – macOS 26 support – Bug fixes

Plus lots of additional major features and smaller improvements.

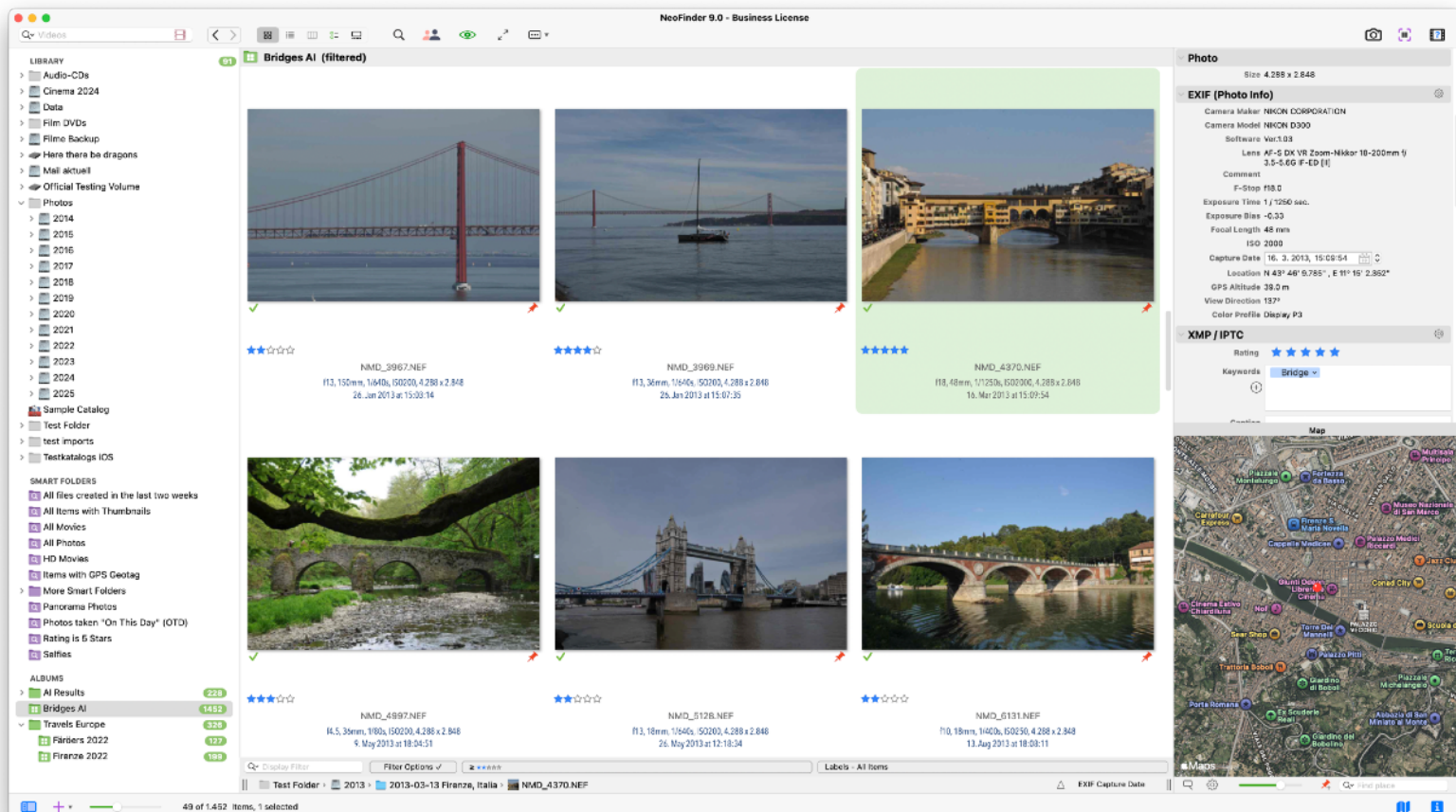
Improved User Interface

The very controversial new user interface that Apple has added to macOS 26 is causing massive problems, but NeoFinder, like all other PRO applications, is not using the giant, semi-transparent bubble buttons of "glass."

Instead, the proven, and powerful user interface of NeoFinder has received an elegant and gentle face-lift in version 9.0, with clearer icons, and readable text.

Find a high-res screenshot here:

<https://wfs-apps.de/downloads/NeoFinder.9.en.png>



Native RED and NEV support

The very popular R3D video file format created by the RED pro cameras can now be cataloged by NeoFinder natively, no additional software needed.

NeoFinder uses the official libraries directly from RED, and gets thumbnails and metadata from it, fast than before.

Also, NeoFinder can now use those RED-libraries to create thumbnails of R3D files for the Movie Contact Sheet.

As Nikon is now owned by RED, these libraries also support the special RAW Nikon video file format .NEV, so NeoFinder also supports that for both purposes.



Move Files

A feature that was often requested is the ability to move files inside of NeoFinder Catalogs to a different folder.

An important step in organizing files properly, NeoFinder 9.0 can now do just that.

And along with the data inside the Catalog, NeoFinder also moves the original files to the new destination on the physical volume.

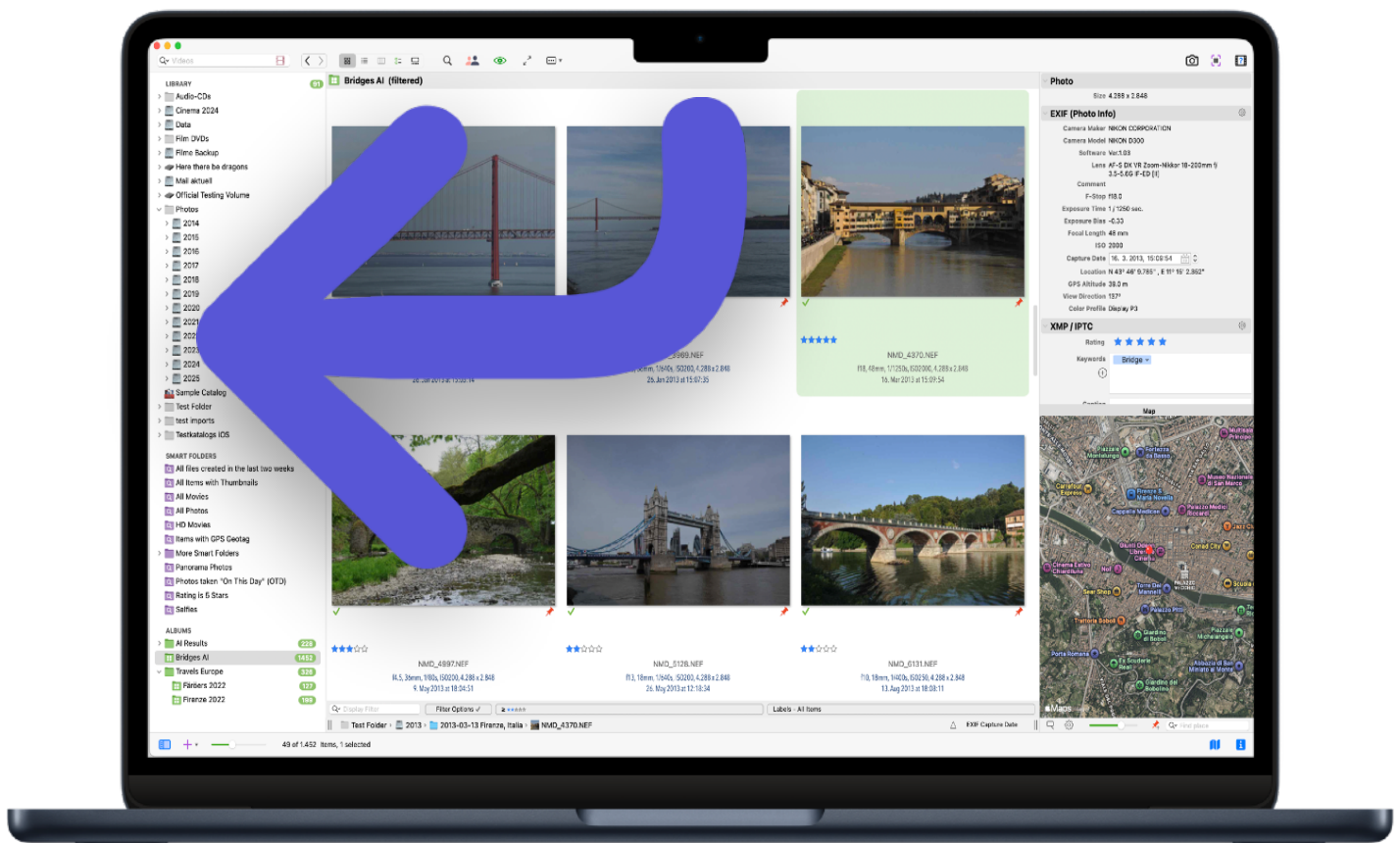
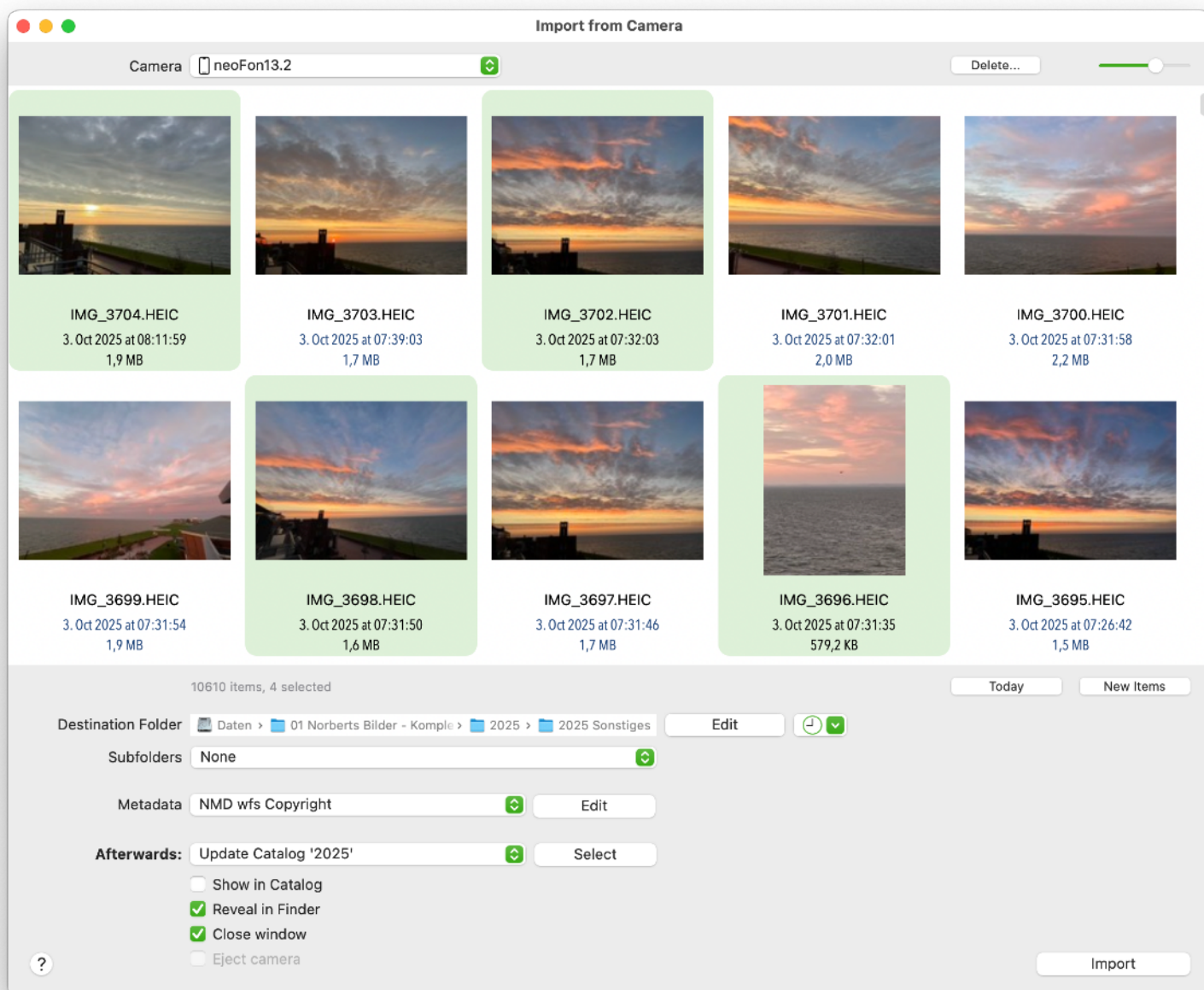


Image Capture

Photographers have long asked for the ability to download photos and videos off the digital cameras or memory chips directly into NeoFinder, and NeoFinder 9.0 now offers just this exact ability.

In just one step, it is now possible to get the images, place them in folder structures based on the metadata of the files, add additional metadata, and immediately catalog them in NeoFinder.

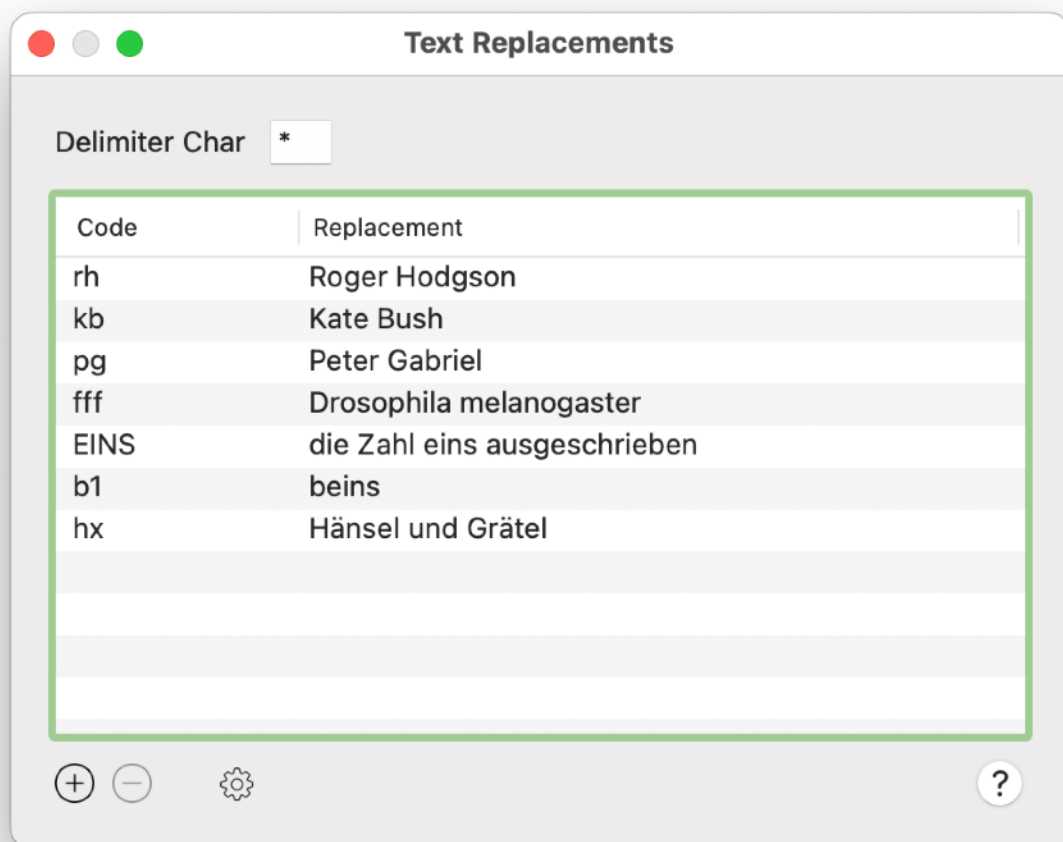
One step to get them all.



Text Replacements

A massiv speed improvement when adding textual annotations to large numbers of photos and videos can be the new Text Replacements in NeoFinder.

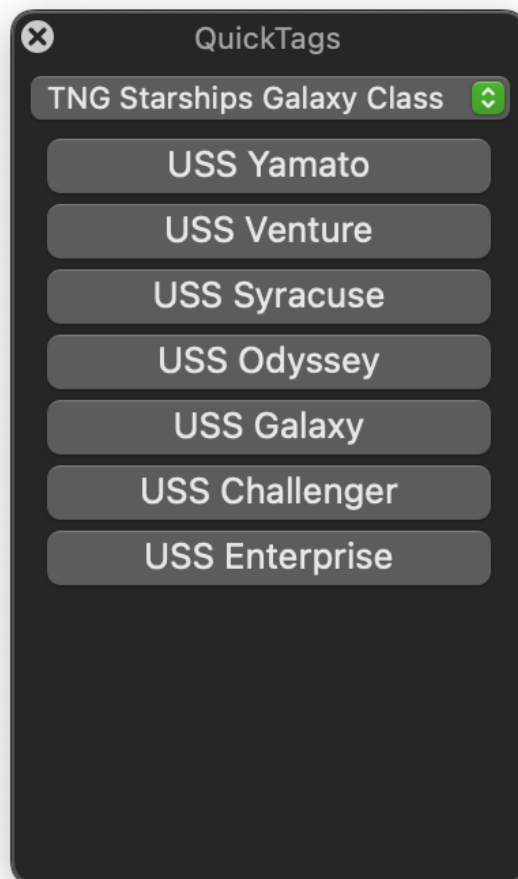
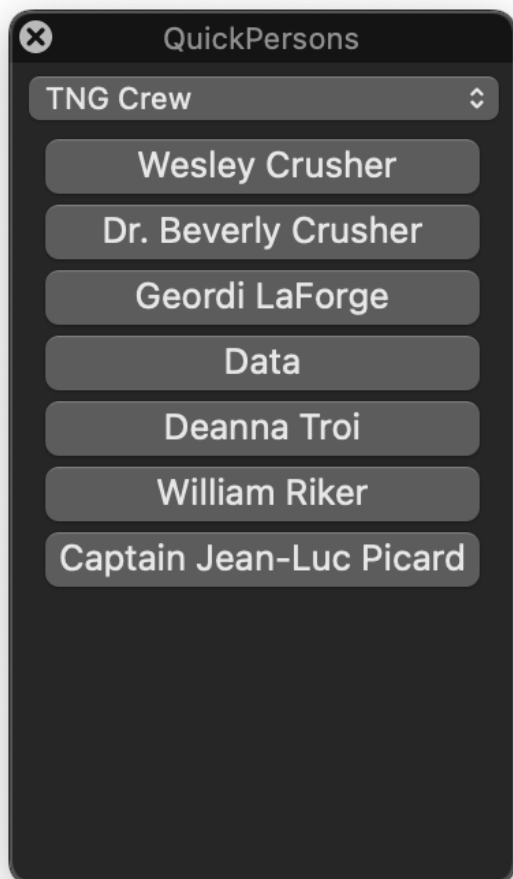
While macOS already offers them in the core operating system, these are often specific to particular tasks, and so NeoFinder offers its own text replacement system, including the import and export to standard formats for fast inter-operability with larger CMS.



QuickPerson and QuickTags

Another important help to quickly annotate large numbers of photos and videos are the QuickTags and QuickPerson panels.

These floating panels can **group** keywords and person names together, and add them with just a **single click** to all selected photos or videos in NeoFinder.



Complete list of all new features

- Improved user interface with crystal clear icons, nicely legible text, and no distracting transparencies
- New Cataloging engine with more speed and reliability
- Full native support for fast cataloging of RED files (".r3d")
- Full native support for fast cataloging of Nikon NEV videos
- Ability to move files to new folders inside a Catalog
- Text Replacements for the XMP Editor for faster annotations
- Image Capture to import photos and videos from connected cameras, including adding XMP presets, and store them in a date based folder structure
- Video Contact Sheet works with MKV, AVI, NEV, and even R3D files
- Video Contact Sheet has more options to customize, including colors, tech info, and more
- Quickly catalog Audio-CDs by scanning their barcode
- Web Gallery with five new templates, customization and sort options, and the ability to add watermarks to the photos
- New global menu bar app with a nice user interface, and the ability to select the kind of items to be searched
- QuickPerson panel to add persons with just a single click
- QuickTags panel to add keywords with just a single click
- Mini Contact Sheet for videos, which gets 2 x 2 frames in one thumbnail when cataloging them
- Multi Renamer has ten more variables to be placed in the new names
- New Appearance style: "Drawing board"
- Catalog Insta360 ".lrv" files
- Catalog SMTPE timecodes embedded in video files, display them, export them, and search for them
- Catalog the Exposure Bias for photos
- NeoFinder 9.0 is certified to run in macOS 26 "Tahoe"
- Updated Display Filter with single click selections and the option to filter out small or large photos

- QuickLook for offline items is possible and will show the thumbnail stored in the Catalog
- Uses the latest BlackMagic SDK with support for cameras like the Ursa Cine 17K 65 (requires macOS 12 or newer)
- Added the font size 21 pt and 24 pt to the content views
- Adds catalog media types for SD-Cards, CF-Cards, xD-Cards and microSD cards
- Support to write XMP metadata into ARW, ORF, and RW2 files instead of using separate sidecar files
- Select multiple folders for the Web Gallery export in the context menu
- Displays the number of duplicate items for each item in the results list of the Find Duplicates
- Allows to edit the factor which decides if a photo is considered landscape or panorama format (current that is 2x)
- QuickFind displays the selected media kind in an icon in the search field, so you can see what it will do
- Searching AutoTags now works for multiple selected Catalog
- Catalogs the EXIF version in several unusual RAW formats
- AutoUpdater can add multiple catalogs with the "plus" button at once

Bug fixes

Stability is a very important goal for us, and thus we are proud to fix the bugs as we encounter them. NeoFinder 9.0 fixes numerous bugs, including:

- Works around a bug of macOS where the ISO values for certain CR3 files of newer Canon cameras wasn't always reported
- Fixes a problem where "Writing Album memberships to files" didn't always work for Found Items
- Fixes a problem where the aspect ration of video files wasn't always added to a text export
- Fixes a problem where the EXIF user comment wasn't always read from certain RAW files
- Works around a bug in macOS 26 where the "AI" "Writing Tools" were shown in most text fields of the Inspector, even though they were deactivated specifically
- Improves behaviour in the Video Contact Sheet for rotated videos from an iPhone
- Works around a problem writing the EXIF lens name to certain ARW files
- Works around a problem cataloging EXIF text fields containing Unicode characters
- Works around a bug in macOS 15.7 where macOS sometimes provided the wrong icon for generic files
- Improves behaviour when exporting a web gallery, if the destination folder already exists
- Works around a bug of macOS 26 where the application icon of NeoFinder was incorrectly drawn with an ugly grey "squircle" in the Dock
- Addresses numerous minor issues

Pricing and Availability

The new version will be released on October 14, 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 9.0 is a **paid upgrade** for users of NeoFinder 8.x, 7.x, 6.x, or CDFinder.

<https://cdfinder.de/download.html>

System Requirements

NeoFinder 9.0 requires macOS 10.15 ("Catalina") or newer, including macOS 26 "Tahoe". It works with both Intel and Apple ARM Mx hardware.

A sister product named abeMeda is available for Microsoft Windows

<https://www.abemedada.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 140,000 users in 112 countries, from single user to site licenses.

Web <https://www.cdfinder.de>

Mastodon <https://mastodon.social/@neofinder>

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Press Information

In our press kit, you can find detailed information about NeoFinder, as well as graphic artwork and screenshots:

<https://cdfinder.de/press-kit.html>

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