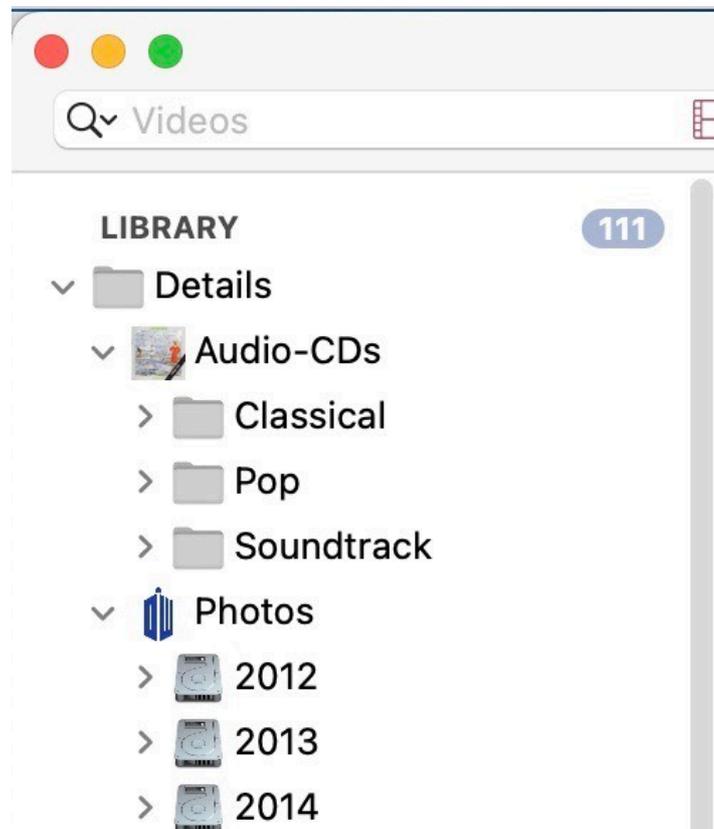# NeoFinder
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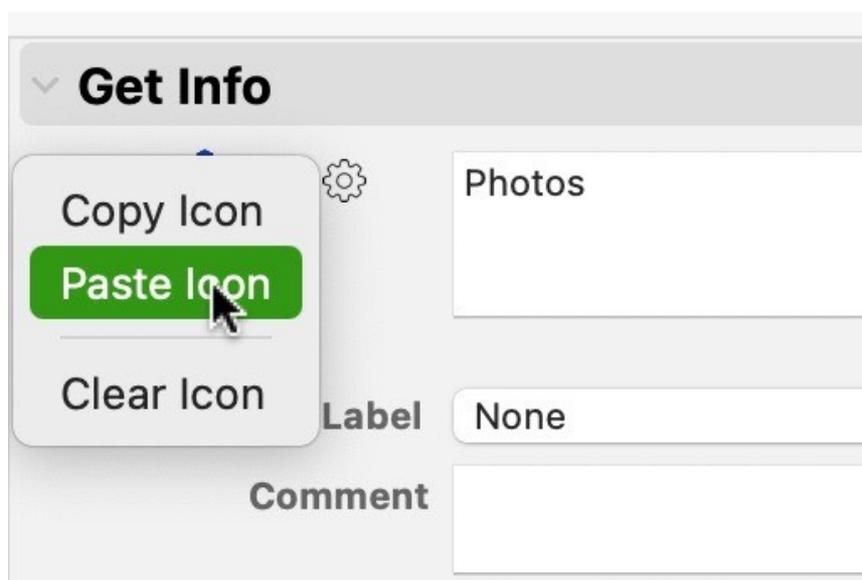
Plus lots of additional major features and smaller improvements.

Custom Catalog Folder Icons

Users can now assign custom icons to the folders in the NeoFinder LIBRARY that they use to group Catalogs together!
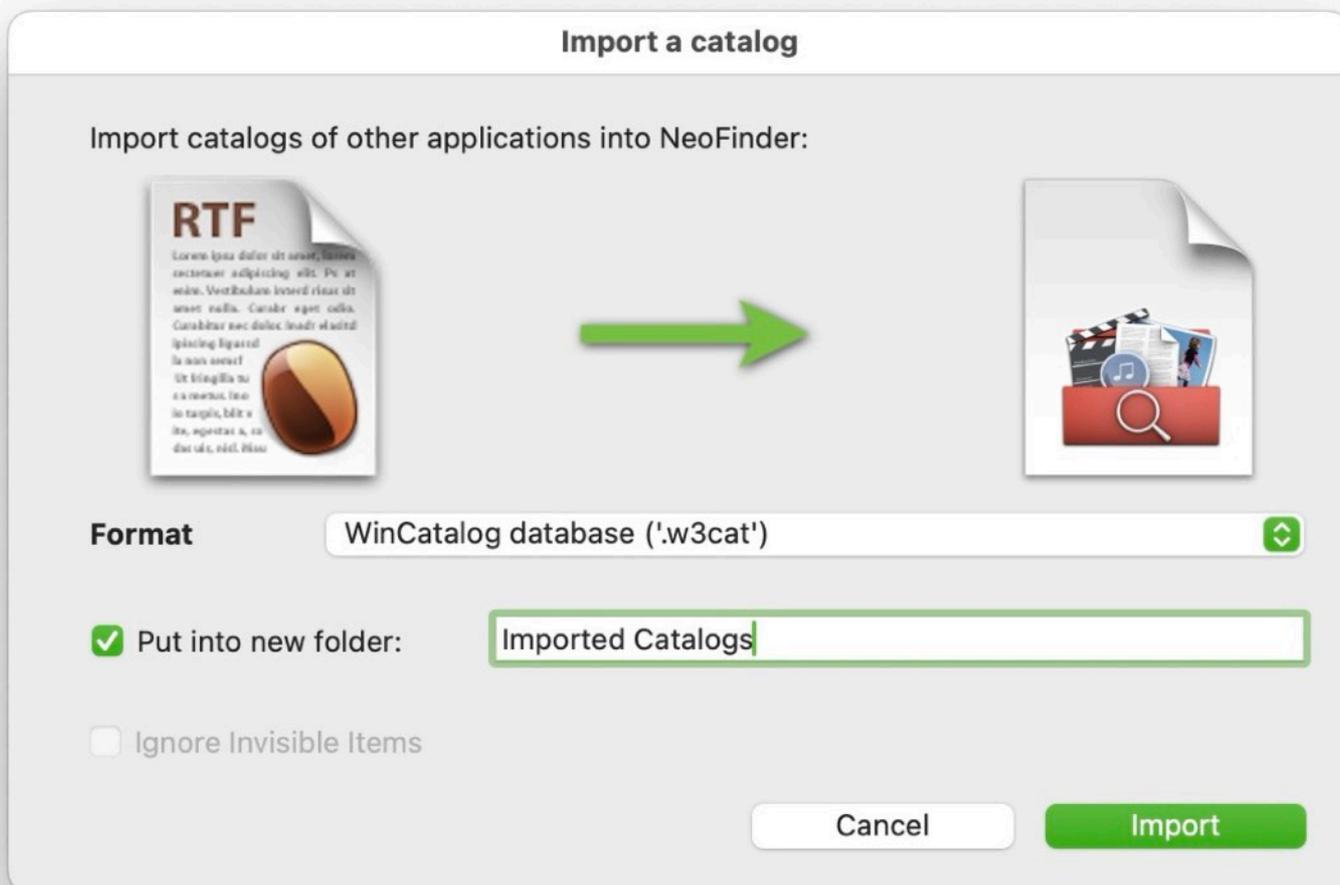

This works just like editing the icons of Catalogs, in the Inspector.
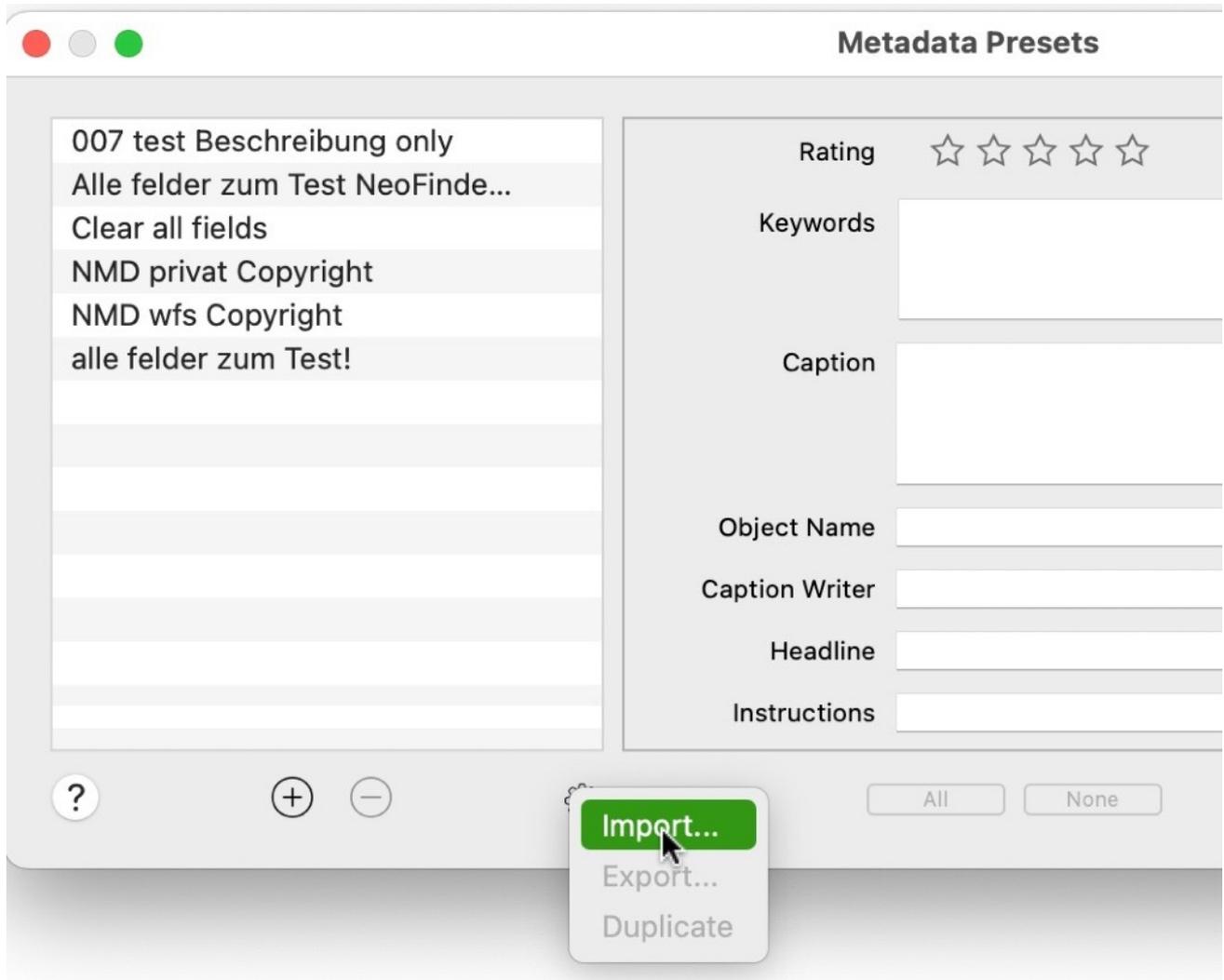
Import WinCatalog data

Number 25! This is the twenty-fifth format that NeoFinder is able to Import and convert to valuable NeoFinder catalogs directly.

WinCatalog is being used a lot on Windows, and now its users can convert their native ".w3cat" database files into NeoFinder catalog with the NeoFinder Importer.

Import Adobe metadata presets

The Metadata Presets are a powerful way to quickly handle large amounts of new files, and NeoFinder is now able to import existing metadata presets from Adobe Products for its own Metadata Presets feature:

Adobe uses the standard XMP file format for these presets, and stores them in the folder:

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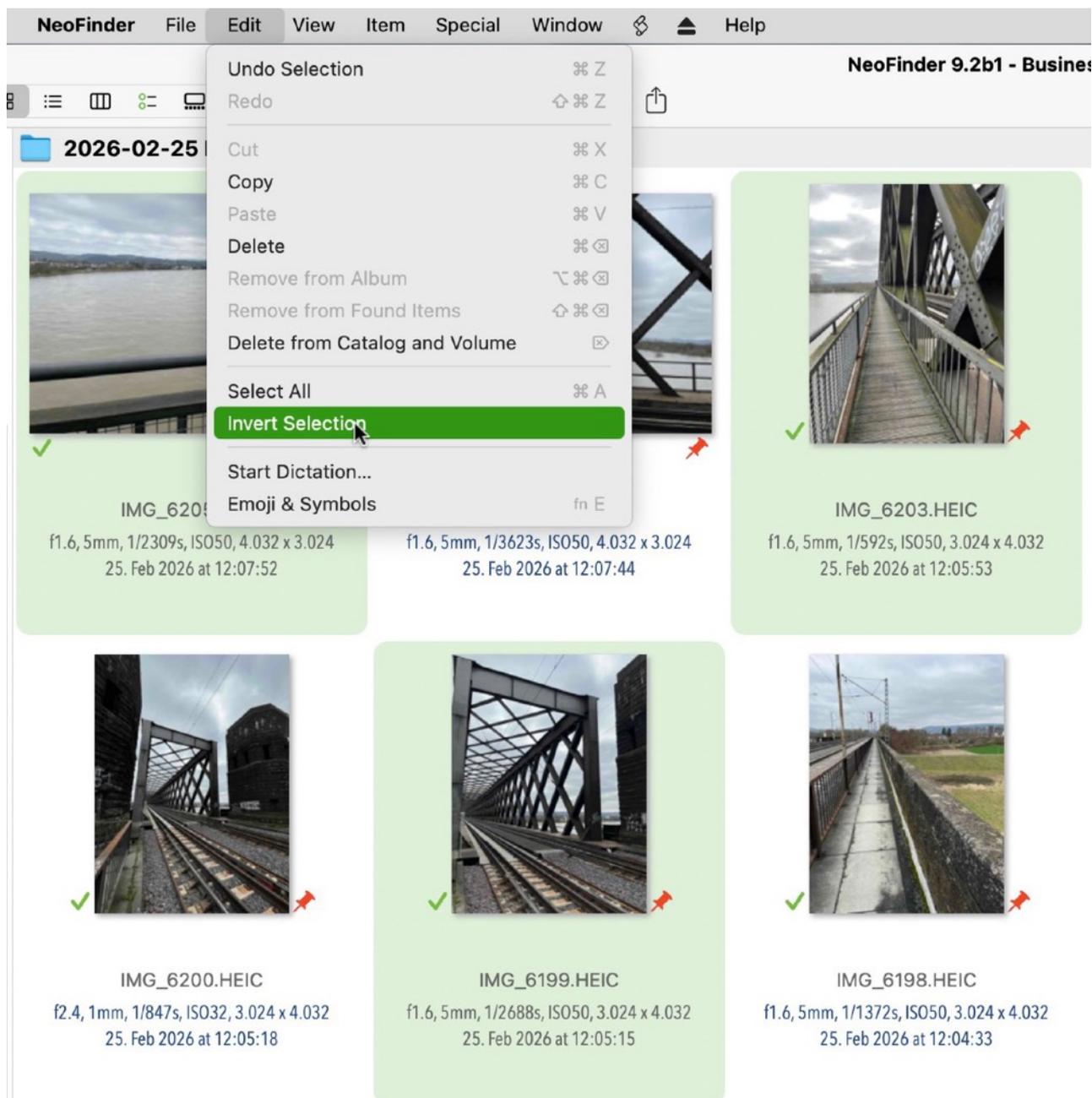
Catalog TAR and TGZ archives

Adding to the already long list of archive file contents that NeoFinder is able to read when cataloging data, the TGZ format is a compressed TAR structure.

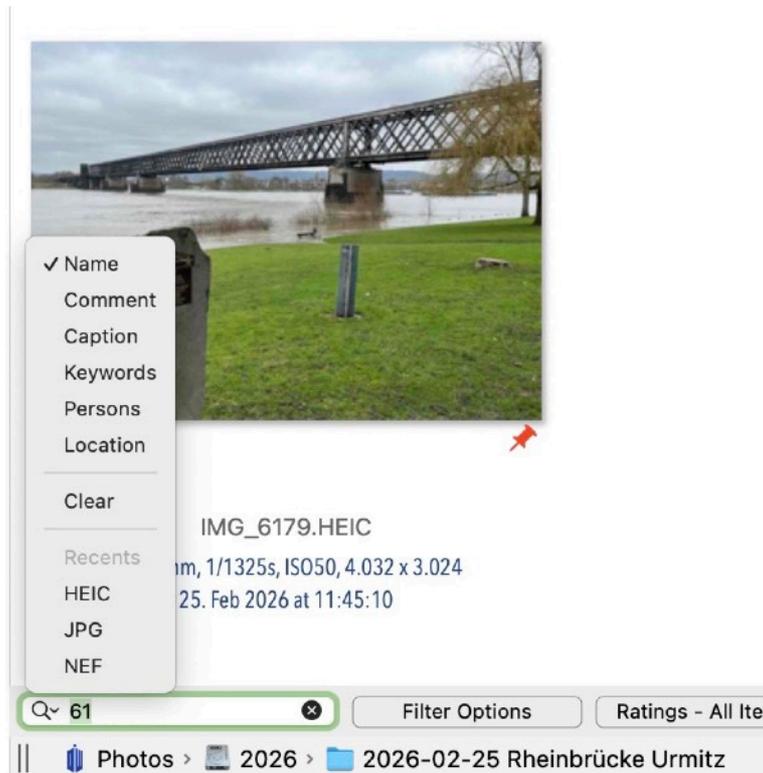| Name	Size	Modified
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Invert Selection

Power users have asked a lot for this particular feature, and a single menu command is now able to invert the current selection of items in the active content view in NeoFinder.
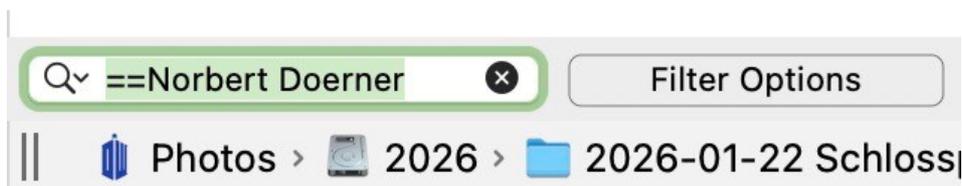
Expanded Display Filter

A quick and powerful way to limit what NeoFinder is displaying, the Display Filter has many powerful new options.

Users can select which fields the text filter should use, and even have some extra options to locate items with an exact name, or items using a different name at all in the selected field.

Complete list of all new features

- Import native WinCatalog database files (".w3cat" file name suffix)
- Display and edit custom folder items for Catalog Folders in the NeoFinder LIBRARY
- Catalog contents of .tgz compressed TAR archives ("tarball" format)
- Import metadata presets directly from Adobe Products
- Display Filter has a menu to select which field is being used: name, comment, persons, keywords, caption, or location
- Display Filter allows "##" for "empty field" and "@@" for "not empty field"
- Display Filter can search for identical terms ("==") and NOT identical terms ("!=")
- "Invert Selection" menu command for all content view styles
- Volume Media type can now be "SSD"
- When cataloging SSD disks, or folders on SSD disks, the media type will be set to "SSD"
- Edit the text content excerpt for a file in a catalog, using the Inspector
- Find Editor supports "==" and "!=" prefix values for all XMP search parameters, to search for the exact field content, or different field content
- Find Editor has path related parameters to search for exact folder names, "folder name begins with" and "folder name ends with" options
- Editing the Filter in the controlled Vocabulary window will keep selected items selected and visible
- QuickTags menu has a command to open the Controlled Vocabulary window
- QuickPersons menu has a command to open the Persons window
- The Controlled Vocabulary window tools menu has a command to open QuickTags
- The Persons window tools menu has a command to open QuickPersons
- QuickTags and QuickPersons have help tags for long and truncated content
- Massively improved detection of moved or renamed catalog folders in the LIBRARY synchronisation

- Massively improved detection of moved or renamed catalogs in the LIBRARY synchronisation
- Deleting a Metadata Preset in the Presets Editor now supports Undo
- Icon View has a multi line tooltip for keywords and persons annotation field
- Details View has a multi line tooltip for keywords and persons annotation field
- Details View has tooltips for all data fields
- Cataloging video files with ffmpeg now recognizes the "media still frame" value of the Expert Settings
- The contextual menu for catalogs and folders in Catalogs has the "New Folder..." command
- Details View expands the width of the second column and leaves the first column width unchanged
- More Finder Info shows metadata for external Finder files in RED, NEV, BRAW, Pixelmator, IIQ, EIP, GoPro and other formats
- Open any selected folder in the Light table by using the "+" key
- QuickTags has a destination menu to decide, whether the new tags should be written as Finder Tags, XMP Keywords, or both

Bug fixes

Stability is very important for us, and thus we fix the bugs as we encounter them. NeoFinder 9.2 fixes numerous bugs, including:

- Fixes a problem of the integrated software updater in macOS 15 and macOS 26. Please manually update this version, future updates will work inside NeoFinder again
- Works around a bug in macOS 26 "Tahoe" where some menu items in the main menu had distracting random tiny images assigned to them
- Works around a bug in macOS 26 "Tahoe" where the "expansion tooltips" in List View of macOS were using the abbreviated content of the column
- Works around a bug of macOS 26, which returns bogus creation and modification date values for FAT32 volumes
- Works around a bug of macOS 26 that could cause the "Share" icon of the NeoFinder toolbar to appear black in macOS Dark Mode
- Improves behavior when cataloging the contents of TAR archives created with newer macOS versions
- Updated some code modules in NeoFinder to use a more modern XML parser
- Fixes a problem when the sort order for Albums wasn't properly stored in the Album if the "Keep folders together" option was active
- Improves detection of video rotation in MOV files written by some newer iOS versions
- Improves error reporting if writing a new catalog file into the database folder fails
- Massively improves behavior if a volume that is being cataloged or updated suddenly disappears. NeoFinder will now cancel the Update in that case and report to the NeoFinder console or the Auto-Updater log
- Improves behavior in Image Capture when you ask it to close the window and also show the new files in an updated Catalog afterwards
- Fixes a problem in the photo contact sheet, where in some specific cases, an empty page would be added

Pricing and Availability

The new version will be released on March 2, 2026.

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 9.2 is a **paid upgrade** for users of NeoFinder v8, v7, v6, or even the much older CDFinder.

https://cdfinder.de/download.html

System Requirements

NeoFinder 9.2 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.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 150,000 users in 113 countries, from single user to site licenses.

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