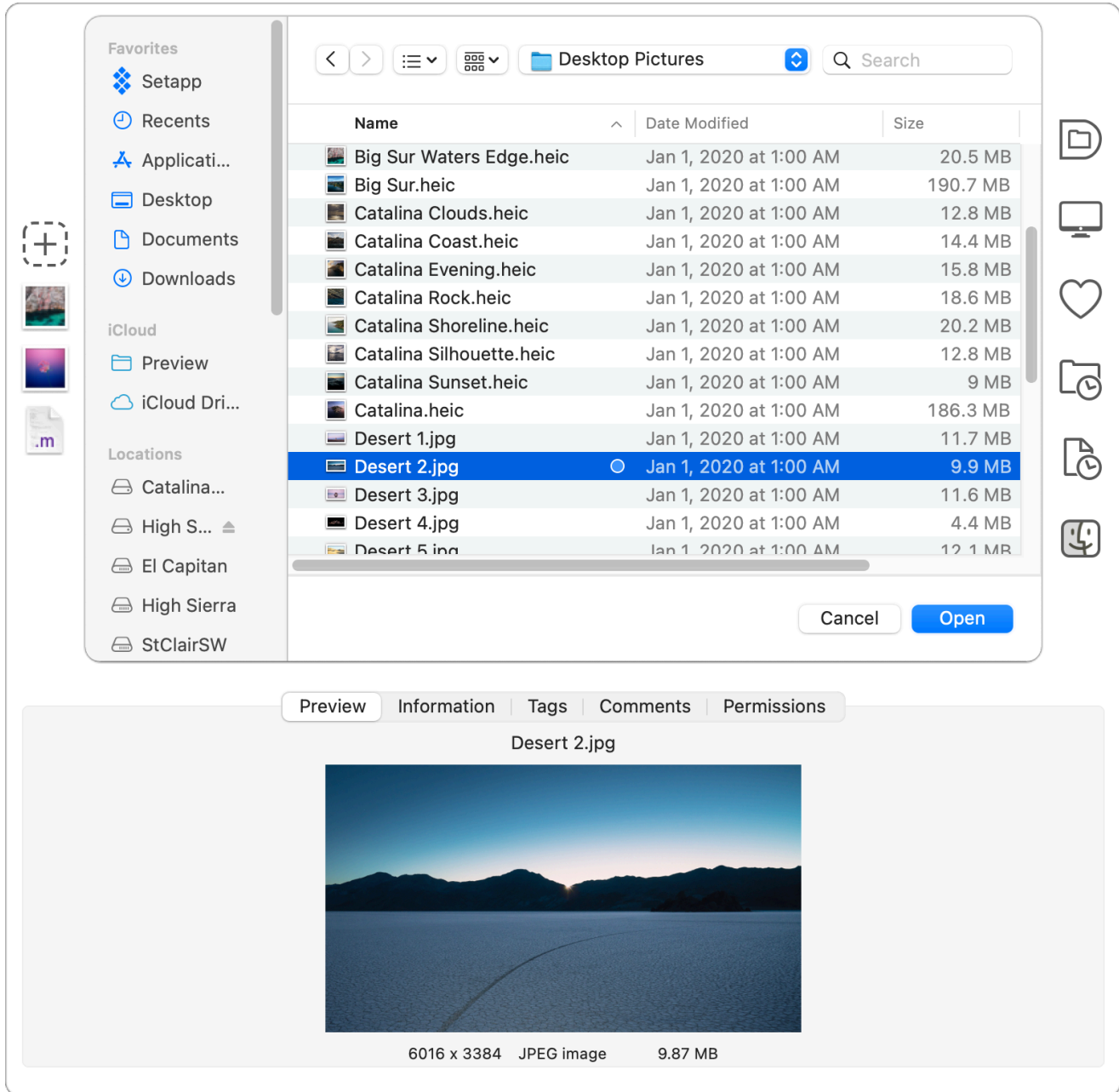


Default Folder X User's Guide



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What is Default Folder X?

Save your files effortlessly and open your folders instantly—Default Folder X makes macOS's Open and Save dialogs work as quickly as you do. Custom keyboard shortcuts put your favorite and recent folders at your fingertips. Pop-up menus let you navigate your folders and open Finder windows. Open, save, and get back to work: Default Folder X is workflow for the rest of us.

1. **Navigate through folders with menus.** You no longer have to navigate one folder at a time. With Default Folder X's hierarchical menus, you can quickly descend through multiple levels of folders without clicking your time away.
2. **Open from or Save to windows you have open in the Finder.** Simply click on the window you want and the Open or Save dialog will display that folder. If you can't click on the window you want, a pop-up menu lets you choose from any window you have open in the Finder.
3. **Quickly go to recently used and favorite folders.** Default Folder X's menus track folders you've used recently and give you fast access to your favorite folders. You can even assign keyboard shortcuts to your favorites to get to them even faster.
4. **Rename, delete, archive, and get information on files and folders without leaving a file dialog.** Default Folder X provides many useful commands so you don't have to leave the Open or Save dialog to do something basic like renaming a file.
5. **"Rebound" back to the last item that you selected in a folder.** You no longer have to hunt through a list of files for a particular document you were working on before. Choose Open from the File menu and it's already selected.
6. **The Finder, integrated.** When you really need to do more with a file or folder, you can make Default Folder X tell the Finder to open the same folder shown in an Open or Save dialog. You can also assign keyboard shortcuts to your favorite folders to open them in the Finder instantly.
7. **Set a default folder for any application.** The first time an application presents an Open or Save dialog, the contents of the file dialog may show your Documents folder or some other location that's not where you want to be. With Default Folder X, you control the initial location shown in Open and Save dialogs.
8. **Get a better preview.** Apple only gives you previews in column view, and they're confined to the size of the column. Default Folder X gives you more, offering previews in Open dialogs when using the column, list, or icon view, and it dynamically resizes them to be as large as possible.

Default Folder X supports any macOS application, including Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Firefox, Mail, Photo, Safari, Chrome and Apple Music.

Installing Default Folder X

Just drag the Default Folder X application to your Applications folder.

Uninstalling Default Folder X

Open your Applications folder, select the Default Folder X application and drag it to the Trash.

If you want to remove your Default Folder X settings as well, delete this file:

HOME/Library/Preferences/com.stclairsoft.DefaultFolderX5.plist

and this folder:

HOME/Library/Application Support/com.stclairsoft.DefaultFolderX5

The Default Folder X Application

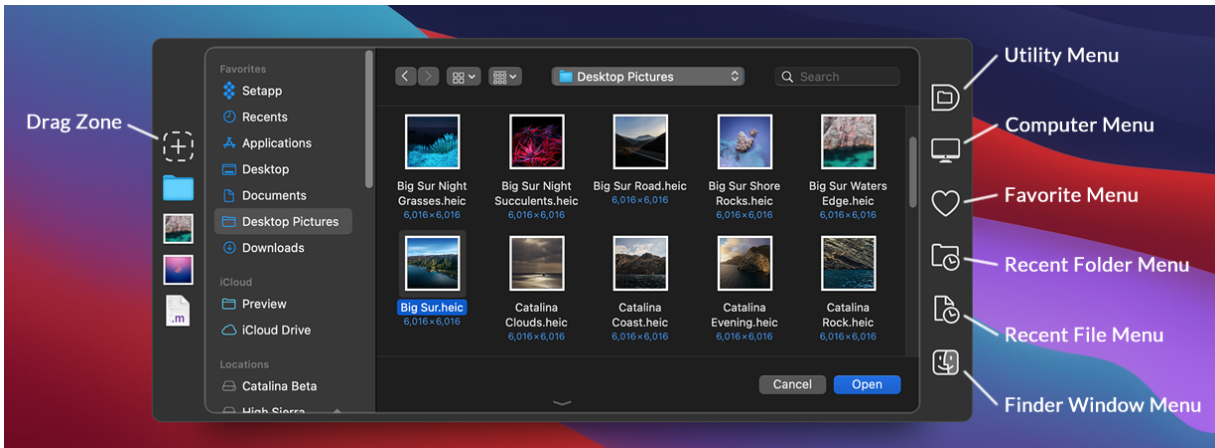
Double-click the Default Folder X application to launch it. It is accessible in the right side of the menu bar by selecting the Default Folder X icon or selecting either File > Open or File > Save on the left side of the menu bar in most applications.

You will probably want Default Folder X to be launched automatically after you log out or restart your Mac, so turn on the "**Start Default Folder X when you log in**" checkbox located in the General pane of Default Folder X's settings. To get to it, simply pull down the D menu located in the right side of the menu bar and choose Settings.

You are now ready to begin using Default Folder X in your file dialogs. The basics are explained in the next section, entitled **Default Folder X in Open and Save Dialogs**. More details about Default Folder X's various features are included in the **Settings** section.

Default Folder X in Open and Save Dialogs

Default Folder X attaches a toolbar to the right side of the Open and Save dialogs in any application (see picture below). The toolbar buttons give you fast access to various folders and commands. Details about each menu in the toolbar are given in the following section.



Utility Menu

In a file dialog, the Utility menu lists commands for the folder displayed in the file dialog and the item that's selected in that folder.

Current Folder

- **Open in Finder:** Hops to the Finder and opens a new window showing the current Open/Save folder.
- **New Folder:** Creates a new folder within the current folder.
- **Copy Path to Clipboard:** Copies the path of the item currently selected in the file dialog.

Selected Item

- **Duplicate:** Duplicates the item currently selected in the file dialog.
- **Rename:** Renames the item currently selected in the file dialog.
- **Get Info:** Switches to the Finder and displays the Get Info panel for the selected item.

- **Show in Finder:** Closes the file dialog, switches to the Finder, and selects the item in a Finder window.
- **Move to Trash:** Does what it says. Holding down the option key bypasses the "Are you sure?" warning.
- **Copy Path to Clipboard:** Copies the path of the item currently selected in the file dialog.
- **Compress:** Creates a compressed archive of the selected item. This is a very useful command to have for attaching files or folders to email messages.
- **Uncompress:** Creates an uncompressed archive of the selected item. This is a very useful command to have for attaching files or folders to email messages.
- **QuickLook:** Displays a preview of the document as if it were opened in a window.

Default Folder X Commands

- **Switch to Folder Set:** Default Folder X lets you create multiple sets of folders (use the "Folder Set" menu in the Default Folder X settings). You can create sets of Favorites which will all be listed at the bottom of the utility menu. Selecting a set from the menu activates that set of folders.
- **Default Folder X Settings:** Opens the Default Folder X settings window.
- **Default Folder X Help:** Opens Default Folder X's help files.



Computer Menu

- **Desktop, Home, iCloud:** These commands take you to the locations they describe.
- **<Disks>:** All of the disks attached to your computer are listed in this menu. Selecting one sends the file dialog to the top level of that disk.



Favorites Menu

- **<Favorite Folders>:** Jumps to the favorite folder you select.

- **<Application> Default:** Jumps to the default folder for the current application. This command will be grayed out if no default folder has been assigned to the application you're currently using.
- **Add <Current Folder> to Favorites:** Adds the current folder to the Favorites list and to the Favorites folder in your Library folder.
- **Remove <Current Folder> from Favorites :** Pops up a window that allows you to remove folders from your Favorites list. Anything that is removed from the list will also be removed from ~/Library/Favorites.
- **Set <Folder> as Default Folder for <Application>:** Sets a new default folder for the current application.

Helpful Tips:

- To assign a keyboard shortcut to a Favorite folder, simply hold down the command key and select the favorite from the menu. You can also assign shortcuts in the Default Folder X settings. You can use the shortcut key within Open and Save dialogs, as well in the Finder. See the **Settings** section below to make sure that you have keyboard shortcuts enabled in the Finder.
- You can add, remove and change the name of Favorite folders using the Folders tab of your Default Folder X settings.



Recent Folders Menu

- **<Recent Folders>:** Jumps to a recent folder when you select one from this menu.
- **Forget recent folders:** Removes all the entries currently in the Recent Folders menu. This is handy if you don't want other users of the same Macintosh to know which folders you've been using.

Helpful Tips:

- Recent folders can be listed in the menu either alphabetically or in the order that they were used. See the **Settings** section for details on changing the order.
- You can temporarily switch the sorting method (alphabetical vs. chronological) by holding down the Option key while clicking to display the menu.

- There are two very useful shortcut keys in the Recent menu: option-down-arrow and option-up arrow. These take you backwards and forwards through the folders you've recently used. In other words, to get back to where you just opened or saved a file from another application, press option-down-arrow once. That will take you back one folder. Hitting it repeatedly takes you back farther and farther in the list of recently used folders.



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- You can temporarily switch the sorting method (alphabetical vs. chronological) by holding down the Option key while clicking to display the menu.
- When you're using a file dialog, Default Folder X shows only the files that the current application claims it can open. Note that this isn't always correct : some applications claim to open files that they can't. If an application can't open a file you've selected, Default Folder X will switch the file dialog to the folder containing that file, but it won't select it and open it.



Finder Windows Menu

- **<Finder Windows>**: Lists all of the open windows and tabs in the Finder. Selecting one switches the file dialog to point to the folder shown in that Finder window. You can also just click on any window you have open in the Finder and Default Folder X will switch the file dialog to that folder.

Drag Zone

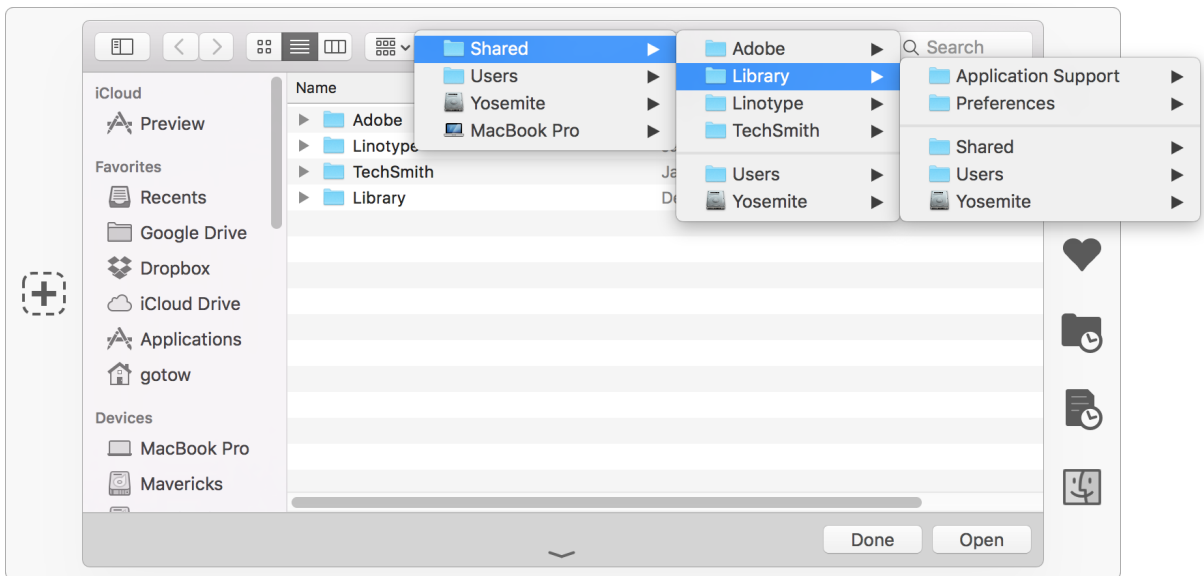
- Drag files and folders to this icon to add them to the left side of the file dialog. You can then double-click on folders to jump to them, or double-click on files to open them. Right click on them to remove them or show them in the Finder.

Helpful Tips:

- This same drag zone is available in the Finder : just turn on "Add drawer button to Finder toolbar" in the General tab of your Default Folder X settings. You can then drag files into this area in the Finder and later access them from within file dialogs, and vice versa.

Hierarchical Menus

Turning on the "Show contents of folders in submenus" option in Default Folder X's settings makes all menus in file dialogs hierarchical. This means that submenus are attached to show the folders inside each folder, allowing you to navigate to them much more quickly.



Revealing Files and Folders in the Finder

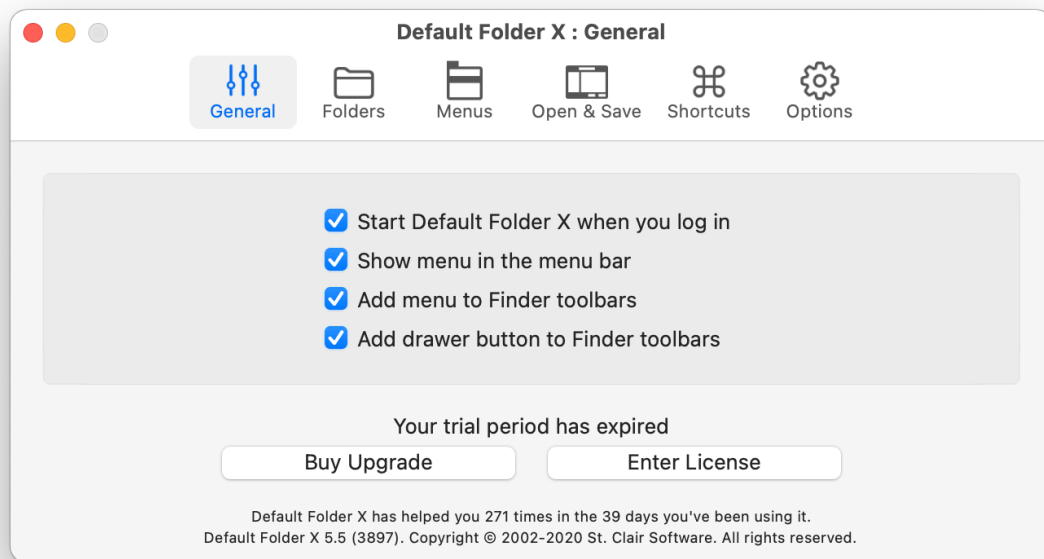
Whenever you select an item from one of Default Folder X's menus, it will open that item with the appropriate application. If, instead, you want to just reveal that file or folder in the Finder, hold down the Command key while selecting the menu item. Default Folder X will open a Finder window and select the item rather than opening it.

Default Folder X Settings

Note: With macOS Ventura version 13 and later, preferences are now called “settings”. Any menu items or buttons within Default Folder X that referred to “preferences” are named “settings” in Ventura. macOS 13 Ventura continues to use "Preferences" for the name of the folder where your settings are kept, however.

Once you've explored Default Folder X's enhancements in your Open and Save dialogs, you'll want to look at Default Folder X's settings to set up additional folder sets, change settings, and manage default folders. You can get there by selecting the “**Settings...**” item in the Default Folder X menu at the right of the menu bar. This will display the dialog shown below. The settings are divided among six sub-panels and have been completely rearranged from previous versions of Default Folder X.

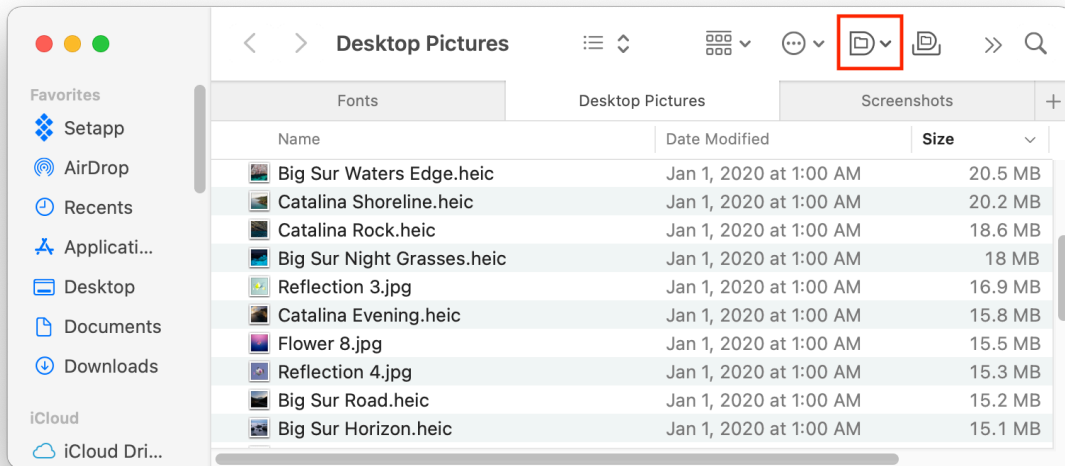
The General panel



- **Start Default Folder X when you log in:** This option allows one to have Default Folder X start automatically at log in. In Addition, an item will be placed in System Settings' Accounts & Groups panel. This item can be found by selecting the Login Items tab.
- **Show menu in the menu bar:** This option places a menu in the right-hand side of your menu bar, alongside the time, volume, and other system menus. This menu has submenus showing the contents of each folder. If an Open or Save dialog is on screen,

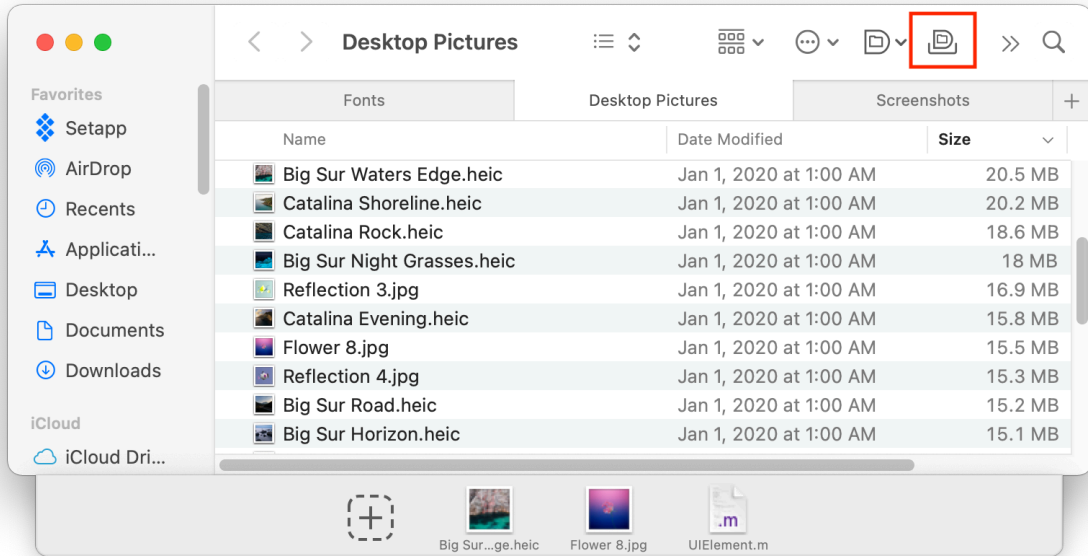
selecting an item from the menu will select it in the file dialog. When you choose an item at any other time, the item will be opened by the Finder.

- **Add menu to Finder toolbar:** This option places a button in the toolbar of your Finder windows that pops up Default Folder X's menu, as shown below in the red rectangle. Selecting an item from the menu will open that item in the front most Finder window rather than creating a new Finder window.

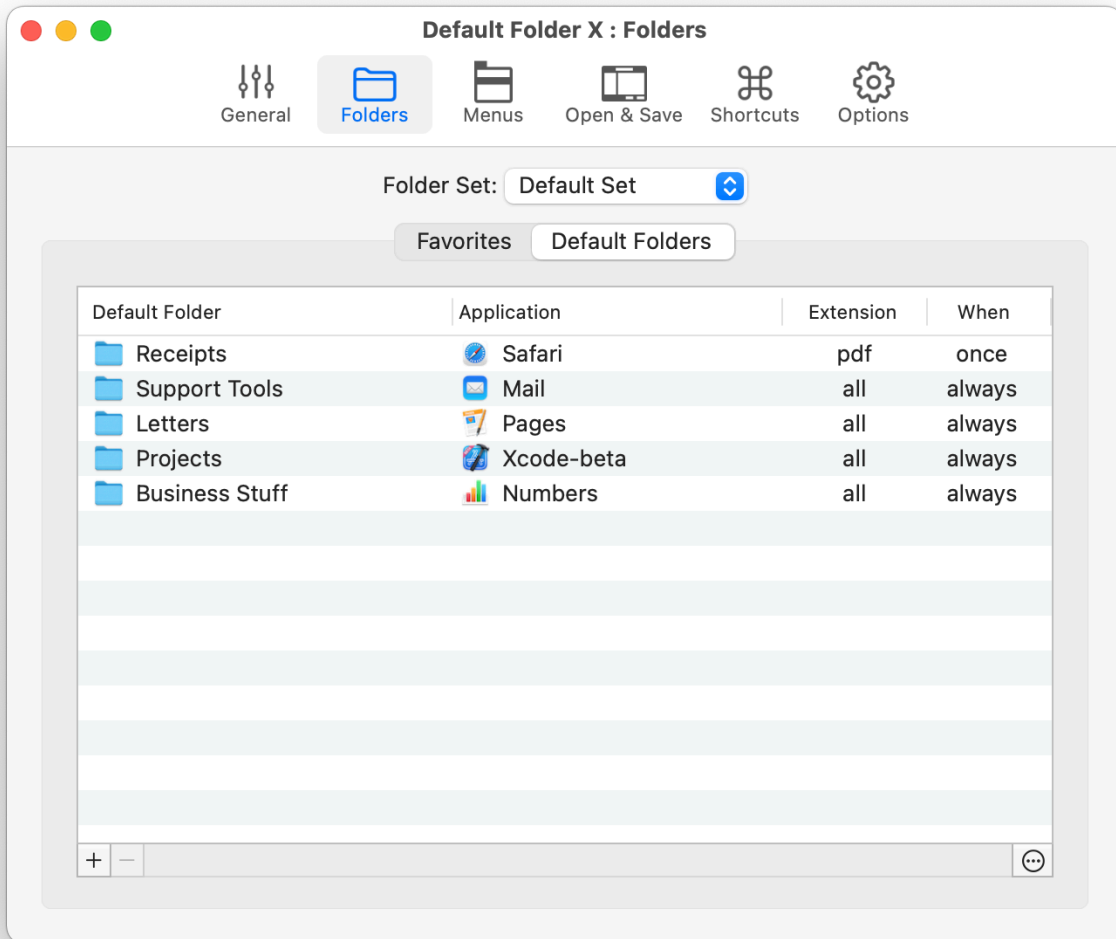


- **Add drawer button to Finder toolbar:** This option places a button with the Default Folder X drawer icon in the toolbar of the Finder, as shown below. When you press the button, a drawer pops out from the bottom of the Finder window that you can drag and drop files to. This is a handy place to put a file temporarily when you're moving or copying it to another folder.

Putting a file or folder in the drawer will also make it available on the left side of all of your Open and Save dialogs, so you can easily get there too.



The Folders panel



- **Folder Set:** This menu allows you to create, select and manage "folder sets". A folder set is Default Folder X's way of grouping your default, favorite, and recently used folders for you. You can switch between folder sets at any time to help manage your work. You can, for example, keep one list of Favorite folders for use when you work on your latest novel, while using another set of Favorites when you're managing your web site. Just set up multiple folder sets and add the folders you want to each of them. Then, when you want to switch between them, select the appropriate one in Default Folder X's settings, in the Default Folder X toolbar within Open and Save dialogs, or from the Default Folder X menu in the menu bar.
- Tab **Favorites:** Default Folder makes your favorite folders accessible from Open and Save dialogs, and also allows you to attach keyboard shortcuts to them to immediately jump to particular Favorites that you use frequently. To set a keyboard shortcut, just click on the shortcut text next to the folder name.

Use the '+' button at the bottom of the list to add a new favorite folder. You'll be offered two choices:

Add Folder: Displays a file dialog to select a folder to add.

Add Path or URL: Displays a text field where you can type in a file URL or a relative path to a folder. Examples are shown below the text field as a guide.

Use the '-' button at the bottom of the list to remove a selected folder from the list.

- Tab **Default Folders:** Default Folder X lets you set up a default folder for applications or types of files. Every time you launch an application, Default Folder X will make certain that the first file dialog you see when you choose Open or Save shows the contents of that application's default folder or folders. If "when" is set to "once", Default Folder X will let the application do as it wishes for subsequent Open or Save dialogs, because the application should know what is most logical for its purposes once you've started in your default folder. If you set "When" to "always", Default Folder X will switch the file dialog to your default folder every time you open or save.

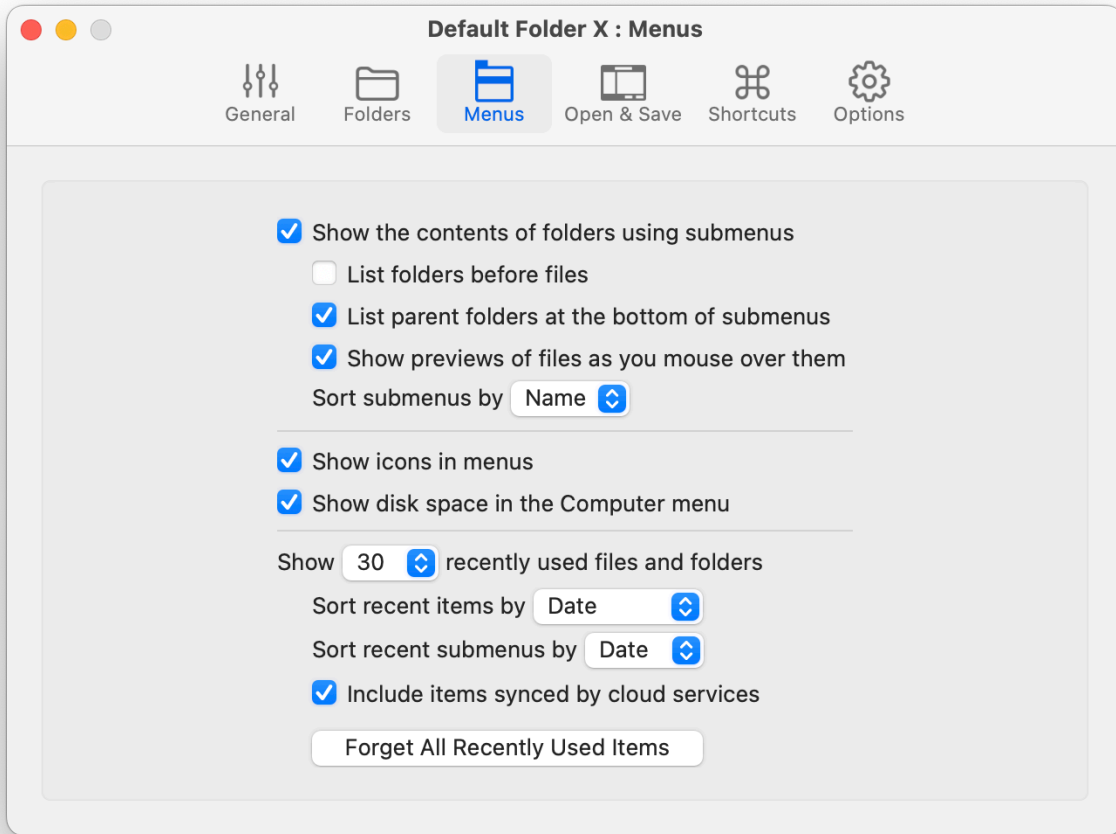
If you notice that you often use files from the same location, add that location to the Default Folders tab by doing the following:

1. Open Default Folder X's settings and select the Folder pane
2. Select the Default Folder tab
3. Click on the '+' button located at the bottom left of the settings panel
4. Select the desired folder from the Finder's sidebar or the file list box
5. Click on the Add Folder button
6. Click on the 'All Applications' text for that folder to select a specific application. If the application does not appear in the list of running application at the top of the pop-up menu, choose Other... to select it, then press the OK button

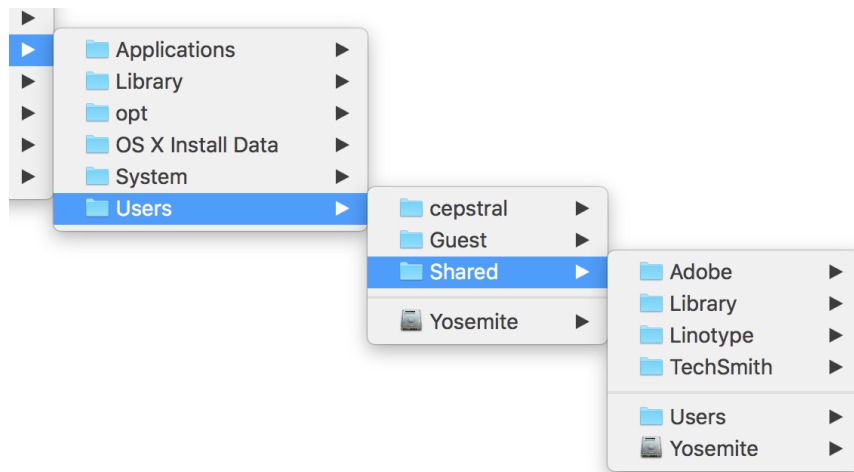
For Save dialogs, you can also set a default folder for a particular file type (such as all JPG image files). Just click in the Extension column of the folder list to change which files a default folder applies to.

- **Sorting Favorites and Default Folders:** Use the Action Pop-up Button (the one that looks like a gear at the bottom right corner) to sort either the Favorites list or the Default Folders list. To keep Favorites permanently sorted, select Keep Sorted By Name. You can also drag folders in either list to sort them manually.

The Menu panel



- **Show the contents of folders in submenus:** This feature adds submenus to any folder that has folders within it, as shown below. This lets you move to folders many levels away by simply mousing through the menu.



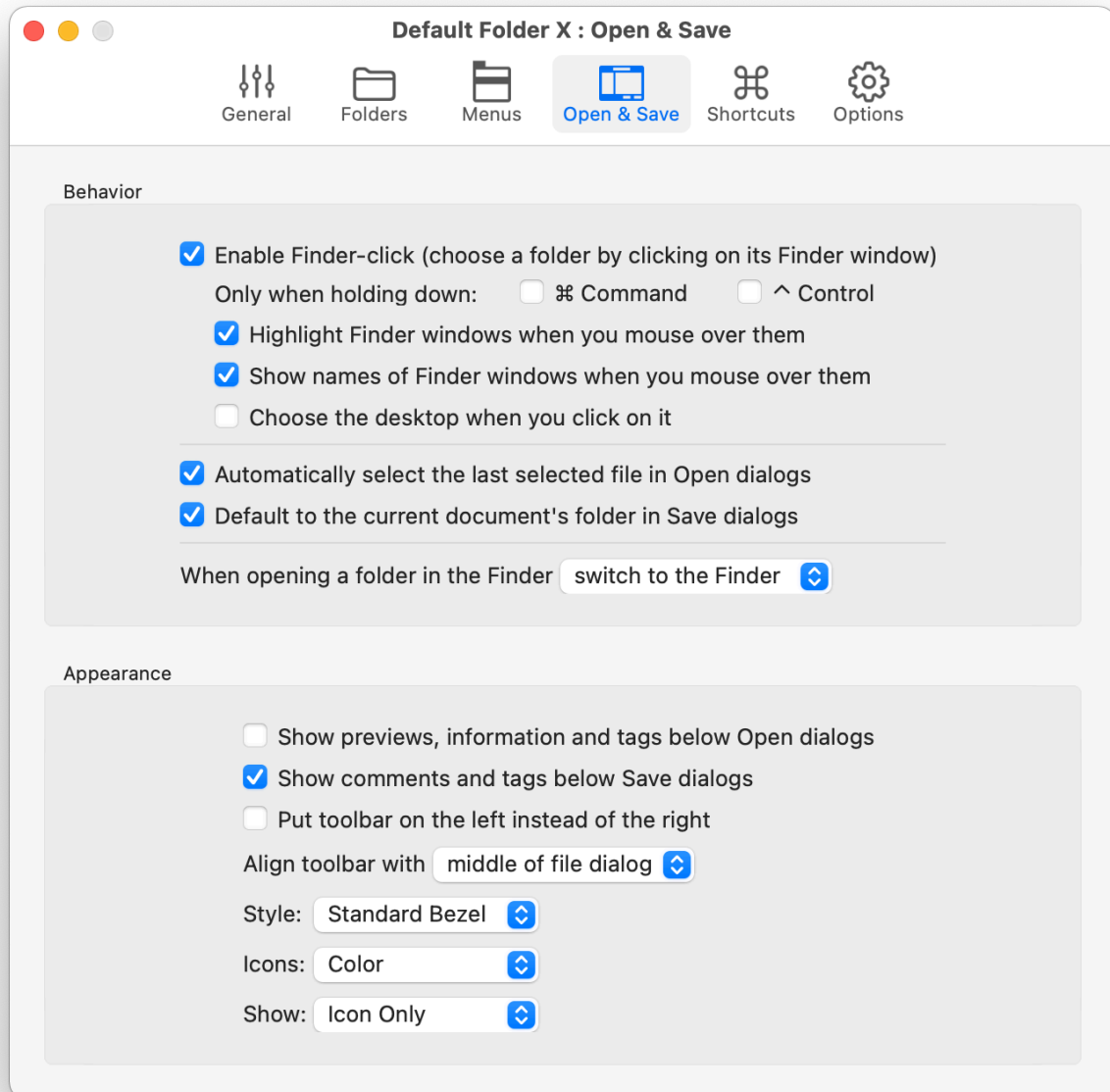
- **List folders before files:** This setting shows all folders in alphabetical order before the files. Otherwise the names of folders and files are listed together in alphabetical order.

Note: This applies only to the Default Folder X menus themselves.

The Finder in macOS Sierra and later has a similar option called "Keep folders on top". It can be turned on in the Advanced tab of the Finder's settings.

- **List parent folders at the bottom of submenus:** This setting gives each submenu a set of folders at the bottom showing the "path" to the folder shown in the menu. This allows you to easily go up in the folder hierarchy by simply mousing down to the bottom of the menu.
- **Show previews of files as you mouse over them:** When enabled, a preview of a file is displayed as the mouse cursor moves over it in the menu.
- **Show icons in menus:** When this option is turned on, Default Folder X will include icons in its menus. The menus will display faster when this option is turned off.
- **Show disk space in the Computer menu:** If you turn this feature on, Default Folder X will display the amount of space free on each disk in its "Computer" menu (which includes all of your disks).
- **Show (0 / 5 / 10 / 15 / 20 / 30 / 50 / 100) recently used files and folders:** This determines how many folders Default Folder X will keep in your Recent Folders and Recent Files menus. When a new item is added, the oldest one will be forgotten. These menus can be sorted by name or by date by choosing the appropriate option.
- **Sort recent items by Date / Name:** This allows one to sort the recent files and folders by either date or name.
- **Sort submenus by Date / Name:** This determines how the contents of sub-folders within the Recent Folders menu are sorted.
- **Include items synced by cloud services:** Turn this checkbox on to include recent files and folders synced to your Mac by iCloud, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, Box Sync and Dropbox. When the feature is turned off, Default Folder X only includes files and folders that you have accessed recently in Open and Save dialogs or files that you've opened recently in the Finder.
- **Forget All Recently Used Items:** Clicking on this button will remove all data about your recently-used files, folders and Finder windows from Default Folder X.

The Open & Save panel



The Behavior Section

- **Enable Finder-click (choose a folder by clicking on its Finder window):** When you have a file dialog open, you may want to use it to display the contents of a folder you already have open on your desktop. With this feature turned on, you can simply click on any portion of a Finder window and Default Folder X will display its contents in the open file dialog.

Default Folder X's Finder-click feature is also compatible with Path Finder and Forklift. If either of those applications are running, Default Folder X will include their windows along with the Finder's.

- **Only when holding down: (Command/Control):** This restricts the "Finder-click" feature so that it only works when you hold down particular modifier keys. The benefit is that you can still have the "gray outlines" feature turned on, but won't see the outlines or folder names hopping around the screen when you don't want to see them.
- **Highlight Finder windows when you mouse over them:** To help you see when you have your mouse over an open Finder window, Default Folder X will draw a gray shadow over the window. Clicking on the shadow will switch the contents of an Open or Save dialog to the folder shown in the corresponding window.
- **Show names of Finder windows when you mouse over them:** Just like the feature above, this is simply another "helper" option to show you when you can click to change the contents of an open file dialog.
- **Choose the Desktop when clicking on it:** When you click outside of a file dialog but don't click on a Finder window, one of two things can happen. If this checkbox is turned on, the click will display the desktop in the file dialog. If this checkbox is turned off, the click will switch you to the Finder, or another application if you click on one of that application's windows.

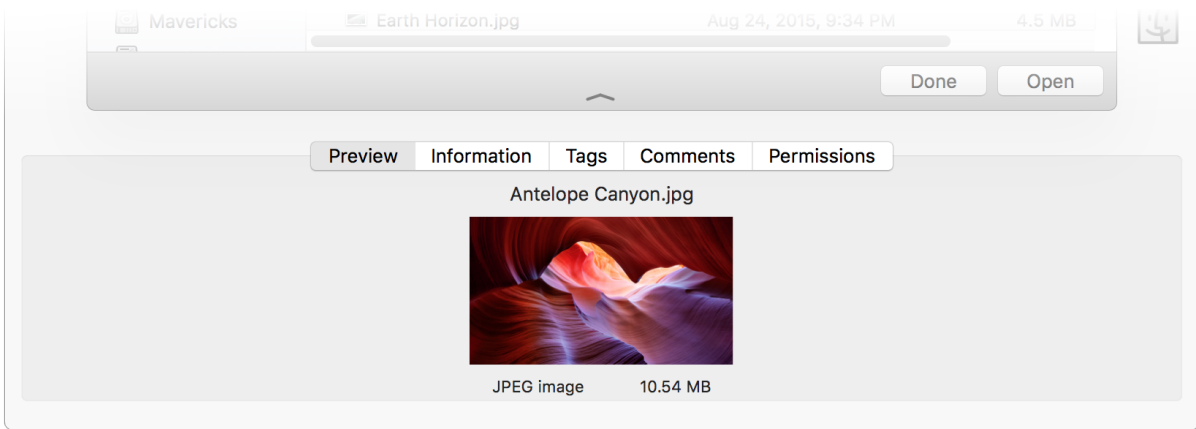
Tip: Turning on this option with the "Highlight Finder windows" setting on will make your entire screen gray, showing you that wherever you click, Default Folder X will intercept that click.

- **Automatically select the last selected file in Open dialogs:** When activated, the name of the last file selected will be highlighted when using an Open dialog.
- **Default to the current document's folder in Save dialogs:** When activated, Default Folder X will automatically show the folder of the current document when saving a file.
- **When opening a folder in the Finder (switch to the Finder / stay in the file dialog):** This setting determines what will happen when you choose "Open <Folder> in the Finder" from the Default Folder X's Utility menu. If you select "Switch to the Finder", the Open or Save dialog will automatically close, the folder will open in the Finder, and it will become the front most window. If you choose "Stay in the Open or Save dialog", Default Folder X will open the window behind the current application, letting you finish opening or saving your file before you use the Finder window you just opened.

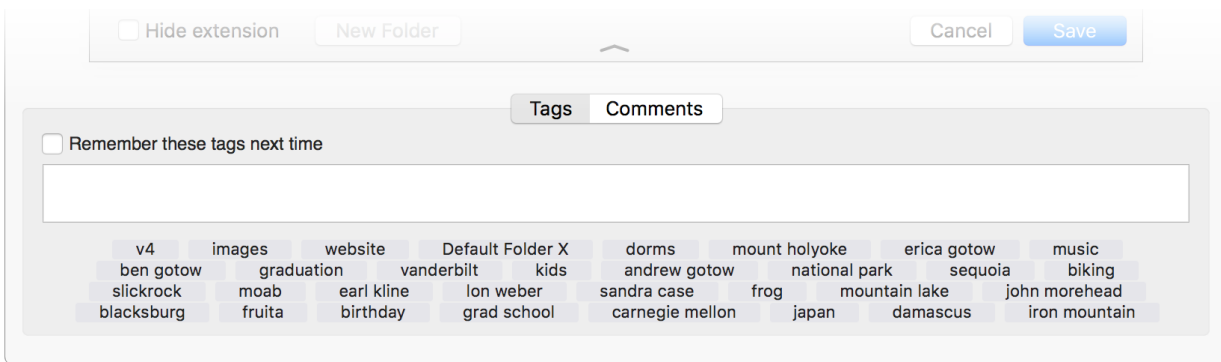
The Appearance Section

- **Show previews, information and tags below Open dialogs:** When you have this setting turned on, Default Folder X will display a window below all Open dialogs that shows a preview and information about the currently selected item. By default, the window shows a preview, but clicking on the tabs along the top reveals additional views that display the creation, modification, and last opened date of the file or folder, its size, label, Spotlight comments, and file system permissions. When an application is selected, its version number is also shown.

Helpful Tip: You can show and hide the information panel using the upward / downward pointing arrow right at the bottom of the Open dialog.



- **Show comments and tags in Save dialogs:** Turning this option on tells Default Folder X to display the Tags and Comments window, shown below, beneath all Save dialogs. Comments and tags that you add will be saved with the file and indexed by Spotlight, allowing you to use the keywords for searches and Smart Folders.



Helpful Tip: You can show and hide the tagging panel using the upward / downward pointing arrow right at the bottom of the Save dialog.

You can add tags in two ways: Type them directly in the text field or drag them from the list appearing under the Tag entry field.

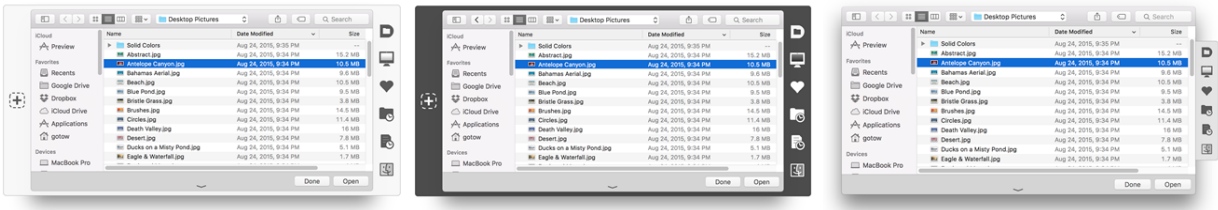
Default Folder X lists the tags that you've used recently, which is more helpful if you do a lot of tagging. Then the most recently used ones come first (on the presumption that those are the ones you're most likely to want to use again).

- **Put toolbar on the left instead of the right:** When selected the Default Folder X toolbar and the DFX sidebar will switch places.
- **(Toolbar) Style: (Standard Bezel / Dark Bezel / Minimal Toolbar):** Default Folder X can display its toolbar in three different ways.

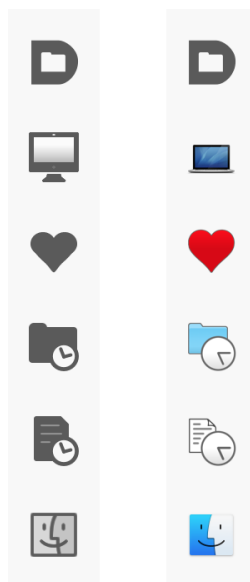
Standard Bezel: A gray or dark themed border around the whole file dialog, depending upon whether macOS is running in Light Mode or Dark Mode.

Dark Bezel: A dark themed border surrounds the entire file dialog.

Minimal Toolbar: A small gray bar is attached to the side of the dialog, just large enough to hold the icons used by Default Folder X.

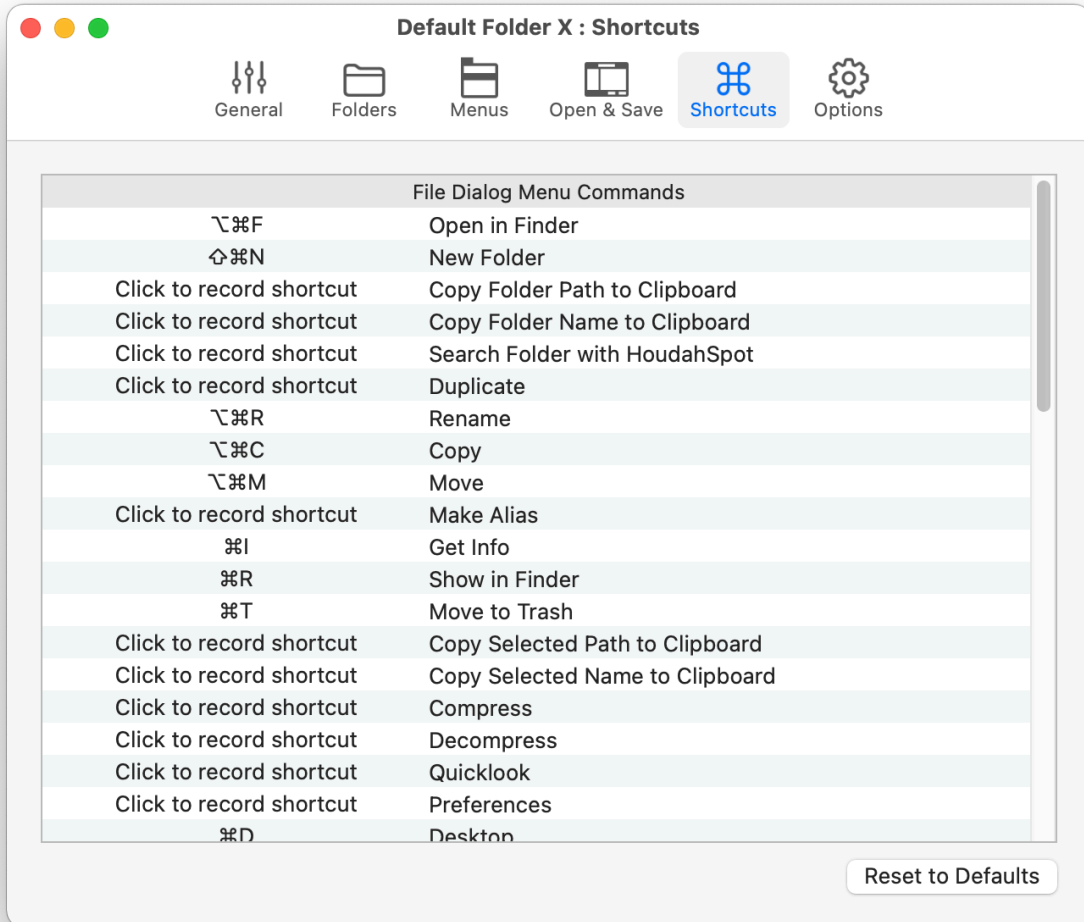


- **Icons: (Black and White / Color):** You can choose whether Default Folder X uses monochrome or color icons in its toolbars. Examples are shown below.



- **Show: (Icon Only / Icon and Text):** Using this setting, you can choose whether Default Folder X shows the names of the icons below them. These labels can be a helpful reminder of what each icon's menu does.

The Shortcuts panel



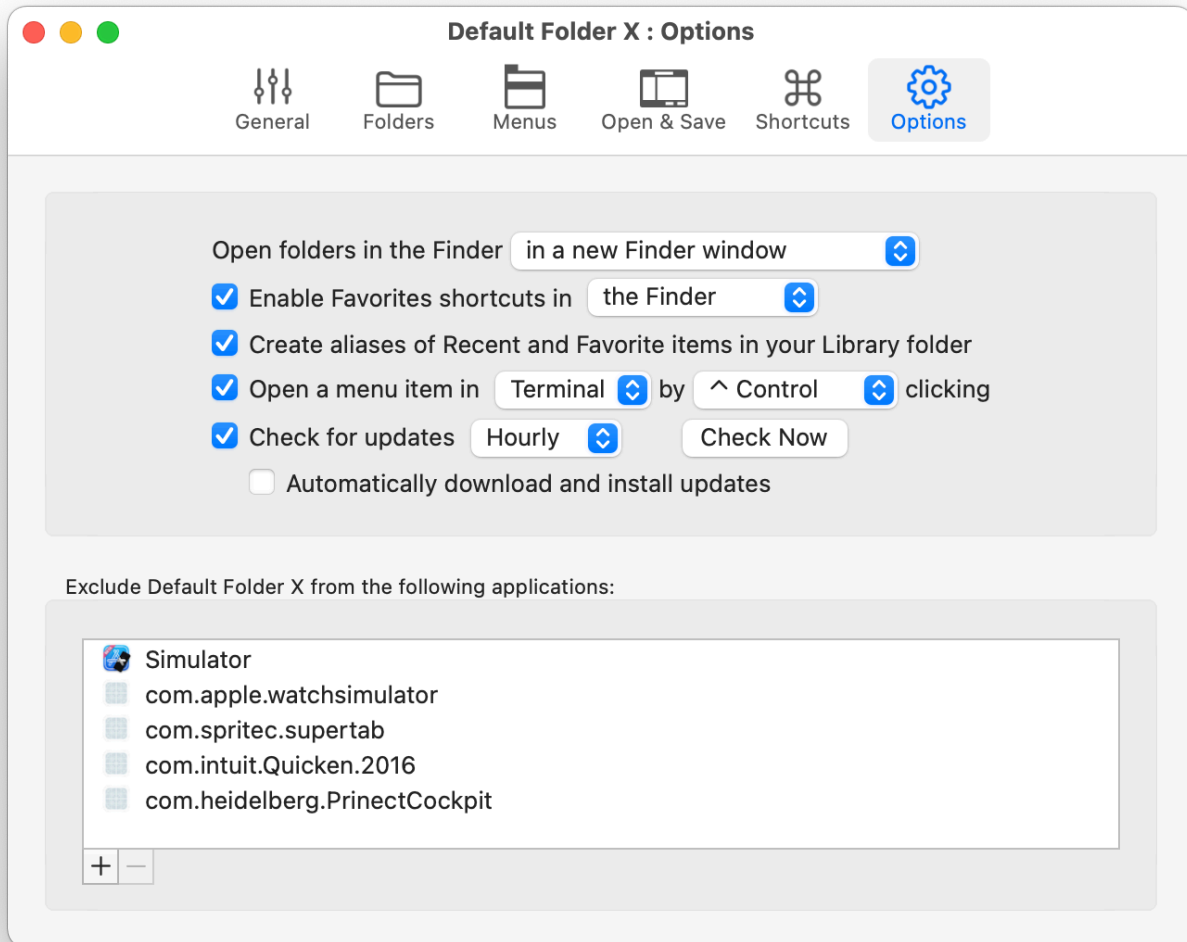
To change a shortcut, just click on the existing shortcut or "Click to set" text. The shortcut will change to this:



To change the shortcut, type the key combination you want to use. To remove the shortcut, click on the "X". To keep the existing shortcut, click the arrow.

To reset all the shortcuts to their default values, press the **Reset to Defaults** button located at the bottom right of the panel.

The Options panel



- **Open folders in the Finder (in a new Finder window / in the front most Finder window):** When you choose a folder from one of Default Folder X's menus or invoke a keyboard shortcut for one of your Favorites, Default Folder X will open that folder. If a file dialog isn't open at the time, the folder will open in the Finder. This menu determines whether Default Folder X creates a new window in the Finder to display the contents of that folder, or whether it displays the folder's contents in the current Finder window.
- **Enable Favorites shortcuts (the Finder / any application):** If you assign shortcuts to your Favorite folders in Default Folder X's Folders tab, using them in an Open or

Save dialog will always take you to the appropriate folder. With this feature turned on, the same hotkeys will pop the folders open in the Finder when you press a shortcut in the Finder or in any application (depending upon your setting).

- **Create aliases of Recent and Favorite items in your Library folder:** Default Folder X can create folders full of aliases that stay up to date with the contents of its Favorites, Recent Folders and Recent Files menus. After turning on this option, you'll find three new folders in the Library folder within your home folder:

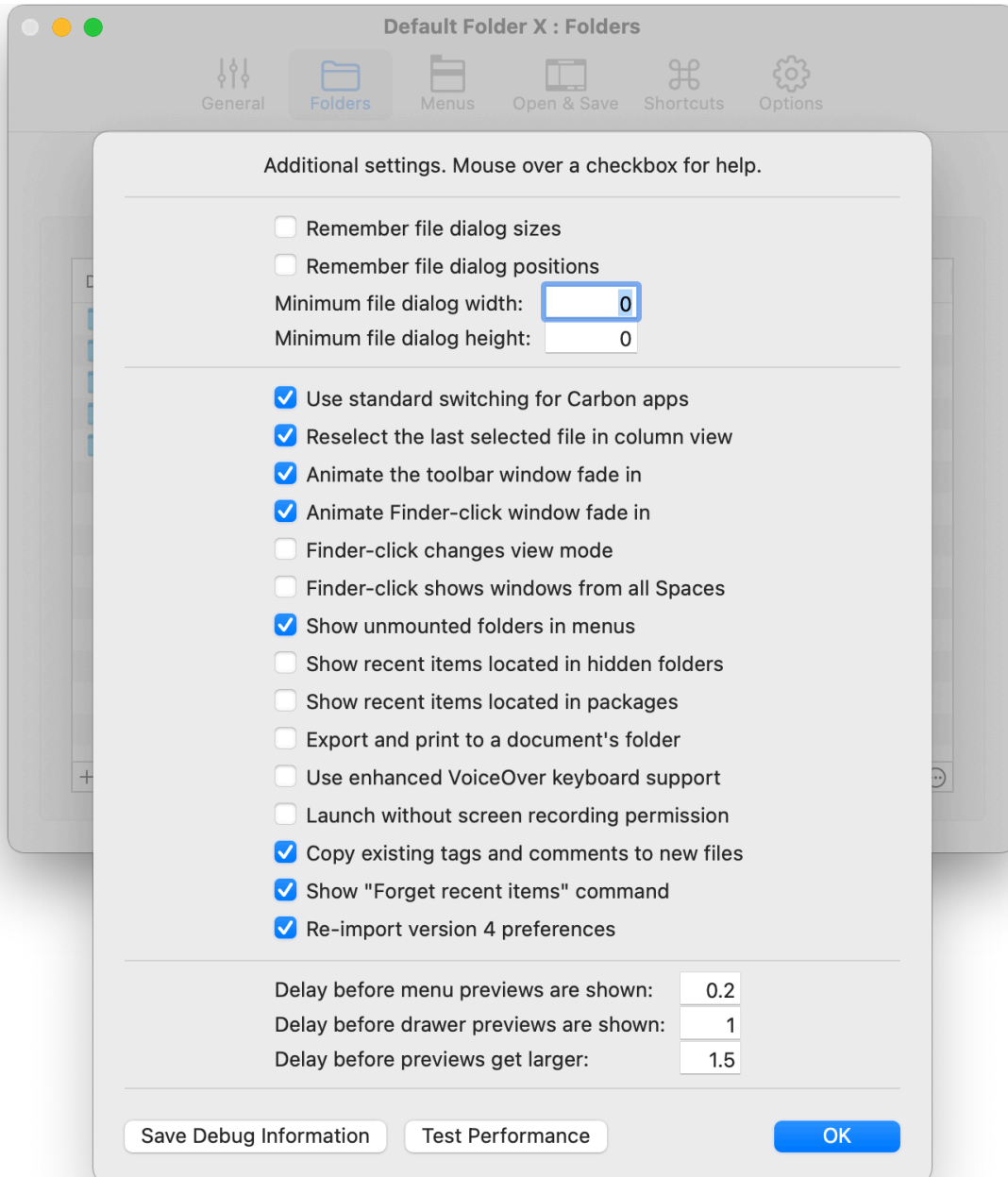


Within each folder, you'll find aliases that you can double-click on in the Finder to open the various items. You can also place these folders in your Finder sidebar or use them in applications like LaunchBar for quick access to the files and folders that Default Folder X tracks for you.

- **Open a menu item in Terminal by (Control/Option/Command) clicking:** If you are a macOS power user that types Unix commands in the Terminal to get to the nuts and bolts of macOS, this option can be very useful. This feature causes Default Folder X to execute the "cd" command in a Terminal window when you choose a folder from the Favorite or Recent menu while holding down the appropriate key. If you just saved something in a Save dialog and now want to run some Unix commands in that directory, this is an easy shortcut to get there.
- **Check for updates (Hourly / Daily / Weekly / Monthly):** Default Folder X can check with St. Clair Software's web site and alert you when a new version becomes available. We strongly recommend that you leave this feature turned on, as we update Default Folder X periodically to add features, correct bugs, and ensure compatibility with new versions of macOS as Apple releases them. This feature is smart, in that it will not try to perform the check if you are not connected to the Internet. Default Folder X also uses the Notification Center to announce an update. The update mechanism does not collect any personal information.
- **Automatically download and install updates:** When this checkbox is set, an available update will be downloaded and installed automatically. You will receive a notification that Default Folder X needs to be relaunched after an update is installed.
- **Exclude Default Folder X from the following applications:** While Default Folder X has been tested with many applications and under many conditions, there is always a slight chance that it will be incompatible with a program you are using. If you discover a problem, you can prevent Default Folder X from loading in that application by adding it to this list. Click the "+" (Add Application) button to add an application to the list. After

you have done this, we'd appreciate it if you would also drop us an email at support@stclairsoft.com and let us know about the problem so we can correct it in the next version of Default Folder X.

Additional Settings



Default Folder X has special settings that are normally hidden. They can be displayed by holding down the Option key and selecting "Settings" from Default Folder X's menu. Place the cursor over each checkbox to see additional details about what it does.

- **Remember file dialog sizes:** Turn on this setting to restore the sizes of file dialogs after they appear. This is helpful if an application stubbornly keeps setting the file dialog to its smallest size.
- **Remember file dialog positions:** Turn on this setting to restore the positions of file dialogs after they appear.
- **Minimum file dialog width / height:** You can specify a minimum width and height for all file dialogs. This is useful on new systems when every file dialog comes up at its smallest size and must be resized manually.
- **Use standard switching for Carbon apps:** To avoid graphical flickering, Default Folder X uses a slower method of switching between folders in 32-bit Carbon applications. Turning on this checkbox makes folder switching faster, but file dialogs will flicker.
- **Re-select the last selected file in column view:** The last selected file isn't usually reselected if you're using column view (it can mess up navigating with the arrow keys). Turn on this setting to do it anyway.
- **Animate the toolbar window fade in:** Make Default Folder X's toolbar fade in when it appears. This looks nicer, but is slightly slower.
- **Animate Finder-click window fade in:** Fade the window highlight in when you move the mouse over a Finder window. This looks nicer, but is slightly slower.
- **Change view mode with Finder-click:** Change the view mode of the file dialog to match the view of the clicked Finder window (icon / list / column mode).
- **Finder-click shows windows from all Spaces:** Finder-click usually only shows windows visible in the current Space. Turning this on makes it show hidden windows and windows in other Spaces.
- **Show unmounted folders in menus:** Show folders in the menus even if they're on a disk that isn't currently available. If you select one from the menu, Default Folder X will attempt to mount the disk containing it.
- **Show recent items located in hidden folders:** Items aren't usually added to the Recent Files and Recent Folder menus if they're in an invisible folder. Turning this option on will make Default Folder X add them to the menus.
- **Show recent items located in packages:** Add recent items to the Recent Files and Recent Folders menus even if they're inside a package

- **Export and print to a document's folder:** Force Export and Print dialogs to also default to the current document's folder when that option is turned on in your Open & Save settings. Normally they don't respect that setting.
- **Use enhanced VoiceOver keyboard support:** Default Folder X normally doesn't allow VoiceOver to "see" its toolbar and menus in a file dialog. Turning this option on will allow VoiceOver to traverse to Default Folder X's controls, but will make it more difficult to access the controls in the file dialog.
- **Launch without screen recording permission:** When running macOS 10.15 or later, Default Folder X requires screen recording permission. It doesn't record your screen, but uses an image of the file dialog as a "curtain" to hide what it's doing behind the scenes. Turning on this checkbox allows you to launch Default Folder X without giving it screen recording permission. Everything will still work correctly, but you'll occasionally see menus pop up in file dialogs because Default Folder X can't hide them.
- **Re-import version 4 preferences:** If you want to re-import your preferences from an older version of Default Folder X, turn this on and then quit Default Folder X and relaunch it.
- **Delay before menu previews are shown:** Enter any value from 0.1 to 5 seconds.
- **Delay before drawer previews are shown:** Enter any value from 0.1 to 5 seconds.
- **Delay before menu previews get larger:** Enter any value from 0.1 to 5 seconds.
- **Save Debugging Information button:** This button makes it possible to gather diagnostic information that will allow us to troubleshoot problems encountered while using Default Folder X. This information retrieval may take as long as several minutes. Once complete, the file will appear on the desktop. Email the file to support@stclairsoft.com.
- **Test Performance:** Clicking this button will run a quick performance test to quantify how long the system takes to notify Default Folder X that a window has appeared on screen, and how long Default Folder X takes to recognize it as a file dialog and display its controls.

Purchasing Default Folder X

Default Folder X is not free. You may evaluate it free for 30 days, but if you continue using it beyond that time, you must purchase a license for \$34.95 (USD). After paying for your copy, you will receive upgrades and technical support, as well as a code to disable the registration reminders.

To buy one or more copies of Default Folder X, choose the "Buy" item in Default Folder X's menu or in the General tab of Default Folder X's settings.

Upgrading from earlier versions of Default Folder

If you are upgrading from an older version of Default Folder, thank you again for your continued support. We're very happy that you find Default Folder X to be a time-saving and valuable part of your Macintosh experience.

If you have an older version of Default Folder or Default Folder X, there is an upgrade fee if you purchased your copy prior to June 1, 2015. If you are a registered user of Default Folder X, the upgrade cost is \$14.95 USD.

When you install version 5 of Default Folder X, you can determine whether you need to purchase an upgrade by entering your old Default Folder X registration code in the General settings. If you purchased your copy after June 1, 2015, version 5 will recognize your registration number as valid and will continue running as usual. If you purchased your license before that date, it will inform you that an upgrade is required. To purchase an upgrade, do one of the following:

1. Click on the "Upgrade" button* in the General settings tab and follow the instructions there.
2. Go directly to our online store at <http://www.stclairsoft.com/store/> and purchase the upgrade there.

Note: If you did not import your old preference file or upgraded to a new Mac, the "Upgrade" button may say "Buy" instead, because Default Folder X does not know that you've already purchased a copy. If you no longer have your registration code, please go to http://www.stclairsoft.com/Main/code_request.html, where you can look it up by submitting your name and email address.

Technical Support

The latest news, technical support answers, and updates can be found on our web site at:

<http://www.stclairsoft.com/>

In particular, please check the Default Folder X frequently asked question page at:

<http://www.stclairsoft.com/DefaultFolderX/faq.html>

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