

FileList+ (currently v1.0b21)

“Blazingly fast . . .” (from Docs). Written by Bill Patterson of Greenville, Texas, as a major upgrade to the original FileList by Erny Tontlinger of Luxembourg. This is Freeware-which-has-evolved-to-Graceware-ie-send-what-you-like-or-can-afford-whichever-is-less-or-at-least-your-comments. Don't break an arm and a leg trying to avoid sending an arm and a leg on this one - the docs even say that if you send as much as \$5 and request it, Bill will "spring for [a] floppy, mailer, and postage and send you the latest [version]." Not too grueling.

Extremely good tool for (up to “moderately,” at least) large sets of files. I use it for collections of up to 4-5,000 files with excellent results.

Brings some good data processing power into file-listing. Scans folders, selected volumes, or all mounted volumes, and auto-scans floppies. Has several (scan) options, including the ability to go into Compact Pro and Stuffit archives (treating them as folders), or scan for archives only. It also saves option sets, including window positions, for different scan-config's.

Like the original FileList, it maintains two windows - Volumes and Files. It could drive you nuts trying to close them - this just switches from one to the other! You have to Quit or New (it prompts for Save if “dirty”).

It has good search features - both for strings and file-filtering. And it allows a wide variety of selects, with (stacked) saved groups, and such commands as group swapping, selection toggling, etc.

But best of all, it's configurable file matching is outstanding, both custom and it's own, identifying different versions of the “same” file very nicely indeed. And it sets and saves match flags, which can then be used for sorting and filtering purposes, etc. And when you consider the number of comparisons involved, the speed is stunning. It took my upgraded II (to an fx) some 18 seconds for about 4500 files, with another 4 or 5 to then automatically sort them (so the matched files - duplicates, versions, upgrades, etc - are adjacent). Not even enough time to put the “Gone Fishin’” sign up!!

Certainly worth a try if you want to computerize your disk/files handling.

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