File Buddy's Get Info

File Buddy's Get Info window displays extensive information about files, folders, and disks. Rather than go into a long explanation of the information it provides, I'll just let you drop a few items on it and see for yourself.

If you drop more than one item, you can apply the changes you've made (and only the information changed) to all unprocessed items with the Change All button.

To dismiss the Get Info dialog without processing further items, hold down the Option key to change the name of the Cancel button to Cancel All.

You can navigate between items using the popup menu menu to the right of the Name field if getting info for fewer than 40 items.

A few of the less obvious features and how they are accessed are described below:

Icon Popup Menu

A popup menu is available when you click and hold on the icon in the Get Info for more than half a second. The items that create custom icons are discussed in the Custom Icons topic. View Icon Family displays all 3 (1-, 4-, and 8-bit) large and small icons for the current item in a small dialog box.

Editing Version Strings

To change either of the version strings (one is right below the file's name, and the other is labeled Version:), double-click in the area where it appears. I realize this isn't obvious, but the Get Info dialog is crowded enough already, and this interface was cleaner and easier to implement than something more obvious would have been.

Labeling File Types

To append a label to a file type whenever it appears in any of the Type popup menus, use the Label File Type "xxxx"... item in the Extras menu while that file type is in the Type: field of the Get Info.

Creator and Type Menus

Any time the Get Info window is used to change a type or creator, the new value is added to the appropriate menu for future use. In addition, the file list window can add creators using the Special Popup menu.

To remove items from a type or creator menu, hold the command key down whil selecting the item to remove.

Displaying an Item or Parent Folder

Given an item in a Get Info window, you can go directly to the item or one of its parent folders using a File Path Popup Menu.

Miscellaneous

DiskTop attached comments are now supported and are referred to as Attached comments.

There is a preference in the Preferences dialog to use a larger dialog and font size if your monitor is large enough.

See Drag&Drops for a description of how to create a custom application that will make a set of changes automatically.