File List Window

The file list window contains a list of items which are placed there as a result any one of a number of actions. See Adding to the List for details.

Selecting and Deselecting
    Click on an unselected item to select it and deselect everything else. Command-click to toggle the selection state of individual items. Shift-click to extend the selection to a range of items. Click in the left margin to deselect all items. Type Command-A to select all items. Use the Select submenu to do special selections.

Expanding Folders
    Starting with v3.4, folders in the file list can be expanded by clicking the little triangles. See Expanding Folders for a detailed discussion.

The Buttons
    Use Balloon Help to get a description of any individual button with the exception of the Power Popup button.
The Power Popup button   pops up a menu of the following commands:
Change Names...
    This command lets you change multiple file names at the same time. For example, use it to add or remove name extensions like '.txt' from a group of files, or prefix a collection of file names with one or more characters.
Delete Resource Forks
    Does just what it says. Use with caution, as many files become useless without their resources.
Delete Data Forks
    Does just what it says.

Key Scrolling
    The file list supports key scrolling. I.e., the list scrolls to match characters you type in. Typing characters less than 2/3 of a second apart concatenates them together and looks for the string. After 2/3 second without additional characters, the string starts over.

Sorting
    Clicking a heading in the file list sorts the list by that heading.

Secondary Sorts
    The file list supports sorting by a second criteria. For instance, you can sort the items by name, and then sort them so items with the same name are sorted by modified date. Command-click a heading other than the current sort heading (which is underlined) to do a secondary sort.

    Contents of the file list can be saved to a tab delimited text file. Only info under visible headings is saved.

    The file list has an absolute limitation of 16,000 items. However, performance will slow down before that, and there may be other considerations that impose a lower limit. I have successfully found and displayed over 1500 items with the default memory size of 700K. I don't really know what the practical limitation is on the number of items, so if you are conducting a search that will yield 10,000 items, save your work and hold on to your seat.
    Holding down the Option key while doing anything that initiates an action to items in the list will signal File Buddy to quit or close the file list window (a preference in the Preferences dialog) after taking the action. For example, if you hold down the option key while clicking the Show button, File Buddy will quit (or close the window) after sending a show message to Finder.