Drag & Drop Behaviors

File Buddy can act in several ways on items dropped on it in the Finder. Dropping an alias has the same effect as dropping the item it aliases, because Finder resolves aliases before passing the information on to applications. Four of these behaviors can be assigned as the default behavior (the one that takes place when items are dropped with no keys down) using the Preferences command in the Edit menu. Recommend you try all of the options and see what happens. The four default drag & drop behaviors are:

Get Info
   Dropped items go to the Get Info dialog. This is the "factory default" drag & drop behavior. See Getting Info for more information.

View In List
   Dropped items are displayed in the file list window.

Make Alias
   Dropped items are be sent to File Buddy's alias creation dialog. See Alias Creation for more information.

Show Choices
   The Show Choices dialog has ten buttons that allow you to choose an action to be performed with the items you just dropped on File Buddy. In addition to the three choices above, the following options are available:

Get Finder's Info
   Same as doing a Get Info in the Finder for the dropped item.

Get Application's Info
   The same as doing a Get Info in the Finder for the application that created the dropped file. Especially useful when you want to change the application's memory allocation or get version info, but neither the application nor an alias to it is handy.

Group Info
   Dropping a group of items (files, folders, and disks) gives you size information for the entire group, consisting of the total number of files, folders, their total size, and the space they take up on disk. If there is only one item, you'll get creation and last modified dates instead of the counts.

Move/Copy…
   Displays a variation on the put file directory dialog box that lets you move or copy the dropped items to another directory. Items being moved to another volume are copied and then the originals are deleted.

Move to Desktop
   Moves dropped items to the desktop.

Find Original
   Drop aliases with this option to find the items to which they point.

Find Similar
   The Find Similar option loads every aspect of a dropped item into the Find window. You can then select the pertinant characteristics and similar items.