

Installation

FinderPop requires a Power Macintosh running [Mac OS 8.0, 8.1 or 8.5](#), the [Contextual Menus Extension](#), and the [Appearance Extension](#) (both of which must load before FinderPop — they'll do this by default unless you rename things or otherwise change the load order.)

UPDATE 3-Sep-98: Yves Anciant suggests that Apple Menu Options must load before FinderPop; this will probably only apply to countries like France where AMO is known as “Options Menu Pomme” and so will load after FinderPop. Renaming it to “AOptions Menu Pomme” solved Yves’ problems; you could also rename “FinderPop” to “zzFinderPop”.

To install FinderPop, just drop it into your Control Panels folder, or drop it onto the closed system folder icon and let the Finder autoroute it. After you restart, FinderPop should be installed.

In the FinderPop control panel, clicking the “Show FinderPop Items Folder...” button in the “FinderPop Items” subpane will bring the “FinderPop Items Folder” frontmost, and allow you to add or remove items from the folder (and subsequently the “FinderPop” submenu.) Control-clicking somewhere in the Finder should bring up the now FinderPop-enhanced contextual popup menu.

Unlike certain CMM plugins out there, you can be as organised or as disorganised as you like inside the “FinderPop Items Folder”. Rather than re-invent the wheel, I’ve deliberately left out things like setting/getting file types/creators; if you need this functionality, it makes more sense to drop an alias to “SetItsType”, “File Buddy” or “FileType” into the “FinderPop Items Folder”, and let that application look after such things — and a lot more besides. For example: you want the ability to Stuff the Finder Selection? Add an alias to “DropStuff” to the “FinderPop Items Folder”, select your files in the Finder, Control-click on the last file in your selection, choose “DropStuff” from the resulting FinderPop submenu, and Bob’s your mother’s brother.

This is all harder to describe than to do. Just put FinderPop into your Control Panels folder, reboot, place a few (aliases to) items in the “FinderPop Items Folder”, and give it a lash...

FinderPop Mailing List

For want of somewhere better to put this:

Matthieu Baudoux, matthieub@skynet.be, has kindly set up ***FinderPop Announce***, a read-only mailing list to which you might like to subscribe in order to receive information about the availability of new versions of FinderPop.

[Subscribing to FinderPop Announce](#)

Send an email to `<mailto:finderpop-on@lists.qwent.es.be>`

[Unsubscribing from FinderPop Announce](#)

Send an email to `<mailto:finderpop-off@lists.qwent.es.be>`

If you're a member of this list, you'll get the opportunity to try out beta versions of FinderPop before release to the general public. You can:

- Gibber uncontrollably as your Mac crashes with a variety of cacophonous noises!
- Goggle in awe as the new FinderPop beta completely stuffs your System!
- Cackle maniacally as you experience strange Macsbug messages!

You get my drift. Only for the brave or the foolhardy.