

Tidy It Up ! uses a set of rules to determine which file falls into a given category :

Each category is identified by a name.

Each category has a list of rules which are defined by a Type, Creator and optionally a name

A file belongs to a category if the file's type, creator and name best match one of the rules of that category (against the rules of the other categories).

Each comparison to a rule is given a score, the rule with the greatest score wins. If there is a match between a type or creator character of the rule and the file analyzed, one is added to the score. If there is a non matching character, the rule is given a very bad score. If the rule includes a file name, the file's name must be exactly the same to have a positive score. File name matching always gives a better score than type/creator matching. A rule may contain wildcard characters (\*) in the type and creator. They don't give a better score.

Tidy It Up ! automatically opens the Tidy It Up ! Defaults file at startup. If it doesn't find it, it creates it using an internal copy of predefined categories and rules. By using the "Save as:" menu item you can create several distinct files of categories and rules: since the preferences are also stored in this file, this means you can set up files which completely define different behaviors.

To allow you to refer to folders when making up your rules, Tidy It Up ! assigns a special type and creator to each folder. The type of any folder is always 'Fldr', the creator is 'Fill' if this is not an empty folder and 'Emty' if the folder is empty. The creators for the special system 7 folders are listed in the following table :

'str'	Startup Items folder
'font'	Font folder (system 7.1)
'ctrl'	Control Panels folder
'prnt'	Print Monitor documents folder
'extn'	Extensions folder
'pref'	Preferences folder
'amnu'	Apple Menu folder

There are many options in the preferences dialog which modify the behavior of Tidy It Up !