

# User Manual



## Captain FTP v. 1.3.1

FTP Client built for Mac OS X



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## 1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing our Captain FTP program. We hope to satisfy all of your file transfer and file management needs.

As Apple made a decision to develop a completely new operating system – and Mac OS X is utterly new, written from scratch – we also made a decision to start this exciting development on Captain FTP from scratch. The new platform allows us to forget about the ancient software starting afresh not having to pile new features into old "spaghetti code".

The result is a product with a very clean implementation. And one of the first product on the market with a true multithreading support, allowing you to "do more then one thing at a time".

Captain FTP is an absolutely new FTP client built for Mac OS X.

The product enables you to take full advantage of services offered by FTP. Some of the implemented functionalities are vastly facilitating and improving everyday work.

Quite simply, the most advanced, most open and yet easiest-to-use Captain FTP shares tasks between separate threads, enabling you to set up an unlimited number of simultaneous connections. All time consuming functions such as uploading and downloading won't block or interrupt the program but leave it available for other user requests.

User's action support realized by quick buttons, address book, prompts before deleting and renaming files, search tool, finishing action after reconnection etc. makes Captain FTP the safest and the user friendliest FTP Client ever designed.

If you are one of the 30 million people who have grown accustomed to the traditional Mac OS (Classic) environment you will have to change the way you work. Hundreds of features you thought you knew have been moved, changed or relocated.

If you've never used a Macintosh before, none of this matters. You have nothing to unlearn. With Captain FTP you will find an extremely simple and beautifully designed application waiting for you.



### What is new in version 1.3.1

#### New features:

- NEW: full localized version: English, German, French.
- NEW: ISO file names full support
- NEW: Reconnect message can be disabled by user now
- NEW: Edit new file with BBEdit
- NEW: Date, time and size display for remote files in find dialog
- NEW: Import address book from file (must be Fetch or Transmit shortcuts file format)
- Set permissions for local and remote files and folders.
- Default upload permissions.
- User defined file browser look (one or two windows, left, right, reverse).
- Edit local and remote files with BBEdit.
- Copy file path to clipboard.
- Command execution after reconnection.
- Optional keep-alive connection.
- Support for Unicode FTP servers.
- Support for national file names.
- Context menu.
- Find file dialog improvements.
- Get info dialog improvements.
- File date and time displayed simultaneously.
- Address book in separate window.
- New file path display format. Option: short and full.
- User interface face lifting.

#### Major Bug Fixing:

- NEW: Remote file/folder alias management
- NEW: Brings BBEdit to foreground when editing file
- NEW: File size error for overwritten files
- NEW: Unicode file names translator
- NEW: Folder removing problems for some kind of ftp servers
- Remote file/folder alias management
- Brings BBEdit to foreground when editing file
- File size error for overwritten files
- Unicode file names translator

### Features version 1.3.1

- Especially designed and completely new developed for Mac OS X
- Simple navigation between directories
- "Put/Get" quick button - to fast copy files and folders between locations
- Drag and drop functionality
- Transfer of single files or entire folders
- Compatible with all FTP servers
- Copying, renaming, creating and removing directories and files by a single mouse click
- Managing bookmarks, quick connect, server and user lists defining FTP session parameters
- Calculating the size of folders
- Fast searching files or/and folders.
- Global progress indicator displaying the estimated time remaining until the end of the transfer
- Stop button enabling a user to stop every operation at any time, without the necessity of breaking up the connection with a server
- Context menu
- Edit files with BBEdit.



## 2. Captain FTP Installation / Uninstallation

### System requirements

- Software requirements:
  - Operating system: Mac OS X (10.0 or higher)
- Hardware minimal requirements:
  - Apple computer with G3 PowerPC processor
  - min. 64 MB of physical memory
  - 1 MB free space on disk

### Captain FTP installation

To install the Captain FTP on your Mac just:

1. Unstuff the distribution file - but you did that already, otherwise you would not be able to read this manual!
2. Read this document thoroughly please.
3. Binary, documentation files and one or more support files are included in the distribution package. Please do NOT delete or remove these.

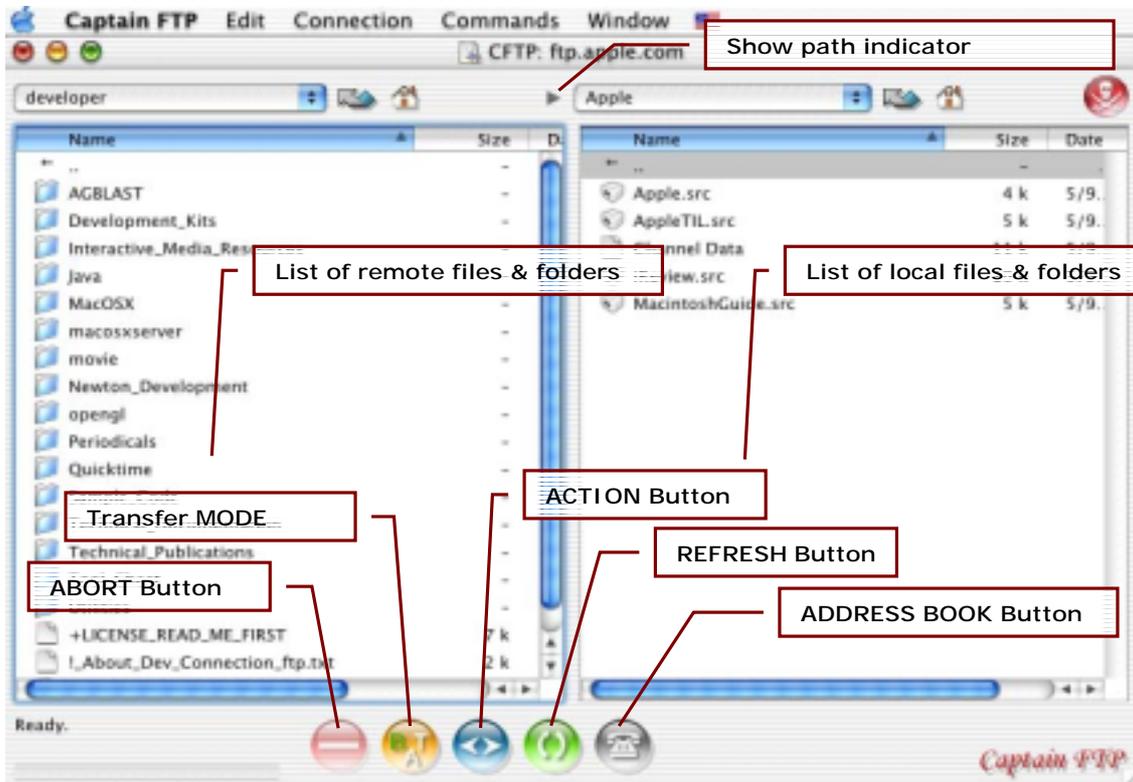
### Captain FTP unistallation

To uninstall the Captain FTP from your Mac simply move the Captain FTP icon into the trash.



### 3. Getting started with Captain FTP

To open your Captain FTP double click its icon visible on your desktop and you will see the main window as shown below:



While you're not connected to any remote FTP server you will see an empty window on the left side where here is a list of remote files and folders.

Take a look at the quick buttons in the bottom of the Captain FTP interface:

- **ABORT Button** allows you to stop executing all actions at any time without the need to disconnect the session with the remote server.
- **Transfer MODE Button** allows you to choose file transfer method between binary mode, ASCII (text) mode and automatic guess (see [Transfer Mode](#) section). Chosen mode is highlighted in the button.
- **ACTION Button** is a quick button to upload/download selected files & folders (see [File Transfer](#) section).
- By using the **REFRESH Button** you will obtain updated information about remote or local files and folders. Up-to-the-minute list will appear in active window.
- Under **ADDRESS BOOK Button** you find a list of remote servers you've added to your address book. The first entry on that list is a shortcut to the address book for managing your addresses (see [Address Book](#) section).

In the top of the main window there is a "show path indicator". When you click on it you will extend the main window for viewing the path to the file. It will allow you to quick copy file path to the clipboard for further use. Just right click on the file path or go to **Edit** menu and select **Copy Path**.



## Quick Connect

Go to the **Connection** menu and select **Quick Connect**. You will see a dialog box as below:



Enter Host name (valid DNS name) or IP address of the FTP server, which you want to connect to.

Optionally you may specify a port number separated by a colon, if the port number differs from the default value (FTP port number = 21). e.g.:

*FTP.public.com: 1080*

Enter your user name and password

If you are unsure or your login fails, please contact your system administrator to get right login parameters.

Below you can see three checkboxes:

- **Use passive mode** - see [Passive Mode](#) section.
- **Remember password**. When this option is checked Captain FTP will automatically enter the given password when you use Quick Connect the next time.
- **Use firewall (proxy server)** - see [Firewall](#) section.
- **Activate Unicode converter** – Turn this option on when filenames on remote server includes national fonts. It will work only with Mac OS X servers.

After you have entered all connection details just click **<OK>** to connect to the FTP server. Files and folder of the remote server will appear in the left window of the Captain FTP interface. If you do not provide any user name, password Captain FTP will ask you if they are required.

Now you're ready to take full advantage of all services available through FTP (see [File Transfer](#) section)

### **Note:**

If you want to speed up the connection procedure and you usually use a finite number of remote servers we encourage you to use the address book (see [Address Book](#) section)

## Leaving Captain FTP

To quit Captain FTP you may either close all connection windows or go to the **Captain FTP** menu and select **Quit Captain FTP**. By closing the connection window you abort all unfinished remote operation and disconnect the remote server. Closing of the last window will automatically quit Captain FTP.



## 4. File & Folder Transfer

After successful connection to a FTP Server you can see directories and files on the remote server (left window of Captain FTP), just like files and directories of your own Mac visible in the right window. You can navigate through directory tree by double clicking the folder icons or by using keyboard – Arrows and Enter.

Note that the use of the Enter key simulates double click in all actions.

### Getting files from the server

Select file(s) or folder(s) on the remote side (left window) and then double click on it or on the **<ACTION button>**. The file(s) or folder(s) will be copied to your machine to a location visible on the right window of Captain FTP. You will be asked to confirm copying files and warned before overwriting older files if placing a new file with the same name.

At the left bottom corner of Captain FTP you can see a progress bar, file transfer speed and estimated time to finishing transfer.

Another way of how to get the file from the remote server is to perform 'drag and drop' between the left window of Captain FTP (remote server) and the local Mac's Desktop.

You can setup default file permissions for downloaded files to **(u:rw g:r o:r)** in **FTP** tab of **Preferences**. If you don't check the option you will download the file with the original permission.

### Putting files on the server

Select file(s) or folder(s) on local side (right window) and then double click on it or on the **<ACTION button>**. The file(s) or folder(s) will be copied to remote location visible on left window of Captain FTP. You will be asked to confirm copying files and warned before overwriting older files if placing a new file with the same name.

At the left bottom corner of Captain FTP you can see a progress bar and information about the estimated time of transfer and the file transfer speed.

Another way how to put the file on the remote server is to perform 'drag and drop' between the local Mac's Desktop and the left window of Captain FTP (remote server).

For uploaded files you can set up file permissions as you wish to by using option **Default Upload Permissions...** from the **Commands** menu.

### Creating a new directory

You can create new directories within your main account folder for groups of files. This is like creating folders within folders on your Mac. To do this, go to the folder inside which you want to create a new folder. Go to the **Commands** menu and select **New Folder ...**

A prompt will ask you for the name of the directory.

### Renaming files or folders

You can rename files or folder on the remote server as well as on your local Mac. To do this, select the file or folder, go to the **Commands** menu and select **Rename...** A prompt will ask you for the new name of the file or the folder.



## Deleting files or folders

You can delete files or folder on a remote server as well as on your local Mac. To do this, select the file or folder. You can also select a group of files. Selecting the folder will delete everything within that directory including all hidden files (Captain FTP by default doesn't show you aliases and files beginning with period – to change it go to [Browse options](#) section). So, be careful that you have selected the right ones before you delete anything.

Then go to the **Commands** menu and select **Delete**. A prompt will ask you for confirmation if you really wish to delete the specified file or folder.

## Managing Local Files & Folders

The same way you're connecting to a remote FTP server, you can login into your own machine. Just enter "localhost" as the name of a server you like to connect to. Enter your name and password (local account on your Mac). After that you should see YOUR Mac files in the left window of Captain FTP.

Then you can simplify file and folder transfer on your machine by moving files between two windows of Captain FTP. You can also open a local file directly from Captain FTP window by double clicking (or pressing Enter) on the file while pressing down the option key.

If you cannot see your local files in the left window, you must probably activate a FTP service on your Mac. In this case your Mac will act as a FTP Server.

To do this go to **System Preferences / Sharing** and then check option **allow FTP action**.

## Aliases

Captain FTP 1.3 allows you to view, select, copy and move files or folders listed in particular folder as aliases (logical links between folders).

### Note:

This is working only when aliases are directly listed in your actual visible folder. When you copy a group of folders containing aliases, these aliases will be ignored. This is implemented because it might happen that the structure of aliases will lead back to the initial folder. In that case if you start downloading the loop-linked folders the download would never end. To prevent this situation from happening you are able to download only visible aliases.



## 5. Address Book

To see the **address book dialog** as shown in the following figure do the following:

- press <**ADDRESS BOOK Button**> and select "address book"
- go to **Connection** menu and select **Address Book...**



Here you see a list of FTP server addresses added by yourself to the address book. Using the buttons on the right side of the window you can simply set up a connection with the selected server, edit its parameters, delete an entry or add a new one. The close button will close the address book window. Please note that the address book window is only one in Captain FTP and can always be opened even under other windows. If you want to open the address book window you simply bring it to the foreground.

## Import Address Book from Fetch or Transmit

If you run the address book the very first time, the address book will be empty. It is up to you to fill it with your favorite FTP servers. You can import your favorites from Fetch or Transmit. To do this just go to **Connection** menu, choose **Import Address Book from** and then select Fetch or Transmit. It will import all addresses, so it might be necessary for you to take a closer look at the listed servers.

## Multiple connections

Captain FTP allows you to set up an unlimited number of connections to FTP servers. Each session has a separate window and a separate thread. You can use this ability either to set up several connections to the same FTP server to download several files simultaneously and browse through other directories or to connect to numerous different servers. All you need to do is to open a new window and set up a new connection.

When you have opened your sessions just navigate through them by **Window** menu where you find a list of opened session names.



## Setting up connection parameters

Pressing the **<New connection>** button you will see a dialog box as below:

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Connection details". It has four input fields: "Session name:" with the text "lyrx", "Host name (:Port):" with the text "192.168.209.25:14025", "User name:" with the text "user001", and "Password:" with the text "\*\*\*\*\*". To the right of the "Host name" field is a button labeled "Check server". To the right of the "User name" field is a button labeled "Anonymous". Below the "Password" field is a button labeled "More", which is circled in red. At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: "Cancel" on the left and "OK" on the right.

Now follow the instructions:

- First enter a name of the session which will be visible in the list of defined FTP servers in your address book.  
Examples of session names:  
*"My FTP server in basement"*  
*"Apple FTP server in Paris"*  
*"My server #1"*
- Enter a Host name. You can either enter the name of a FTP server or an IP address. A different port number than default (21) can be specified separated by a colon, e.g.  
Examples of Host names:  
192.168.20.4  
*FTP.mysimpleserver.com: 1080*  
*FTP.yahoo.com*
- If you are not sure if the entered Host name is correct, you can check it by pressing **<Check server>** button. If the FTP server exists you will receive an information that this server is accessible.
- Third step is to enter your User name. If you are going to connect to an open FTP server you can press the **<Anonymous>** button to quickly set up your anonymous password. Then Captain FTP will ask you to use your email address as a part of the login procedure, but at this place you may enter anything, even just a letter. If you are going to use a restricted FTP server you must type your user ID correctly.
- Type password. This is necessary only for restricted connection or if you haven't pressed the **<Anonymous>** button in connection with a public FTP server.



When you have filled in the dialog box press the <OK> button to finish the connection configuration. The FTP server will be added to your list of favorite FTP servers. You can also press the <More> indicator to extend the dialog box as shown in the following figure and set up advanced parameters:

The screenshot shows a configuration dialog box with the following elements:

- Password: [masked]
- ▼ More (collapse/expand indicator)
- Account: [text input]
- Remote folder: [text input]
- Local folder: [text input] with a Browse button
- Use passive mode:
- Use firewall (proxy server):
- Activate unicode file names converter:
- Convert %NN in a file name to character of code NN:
- Keep connection alive sending NOOP command every [90] sec.
- Cancel button
- OK button

- Optionally Enter your account ID (if you have one).
- Enter default remote directory and local directory for every connection to the specified FTP server. After the connection is established you will automatically be located to the chosen directories.

**Note:** you can fill this option automatically after the very first connection to the specified server by using option **Set Current Path As Default Remote Folder** or **Set Current Path As Default Local Folder** in the **Command** menu.

- **Use passive mode** - see [Passive Mode](#) section
- **Use firewall (proxy server)** – see [Firewall](#) section
- **Activate Unicode converter** – When the remote server is a Macintosh turn this option on to support filenames with national fonts. With other servers this option will not work.
- **Convert %NN in a file name character of code NN.** Some FTP servers might change characters used in files names to %NN form. For example, if a file name is "ala.txt" you will see "%20ala.txt". After such transformation you will not be able to download the file (sometimes you might not even be able to see it). To prevent this from happening just check this option.
- **Keep connection alive sending NOOP command every [ 90 ] sec** – There are lots of FTP servers with very short timeouts after which you will be disconnected (if nothing happens). If you want to keep the connection alive and avoid continuously prompting reconnection you can check this option and enter a refreshing period (in seconds). Be sure you're giving a shorter period than the server's timeout. Otherwise you'll be disconnected before you refresh your connection.

Now you have defined all connection parameters and after clicking the <OK> button you return to your list of predefined FTP servers. Choose one from the list and press the <Connect> button. Or simply double click on an entry.



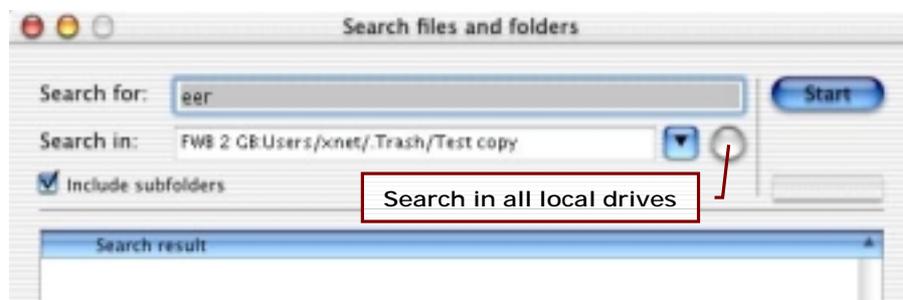
## 6. Useful tools

### Edit file with BBEEdit

You can edit text or binary files on remote or local side using BBEEdit. To do this just select a file and go to the **Edit** menu choosing the **Edit with BBEEdit** option. You can also create a new file by using **New file with BBEEdit** in the same menu.

### File finder

Use the finder tool to search for files and folders on a remote server as well as on your computer. Go to **Edit** menu and select **Find...** to see the "Search for" dialog box as shown below:



In the Search for box type the known part of the file name using an asterisk (\*) for parts you don't know. For example if you're looking for a file which you think is called Today'sProject but you can't recall the entire file name, enter Today\*. \* as your wildcard search. File Finder will identify all files that start with the words 'Today', helping you to narrow the search.

You can also search using multiple masks separating your search with semicolons, such as: \*.exe; my\*.gif; ... etc.

### Calculating directory size

Before you download an entire directory Captain FTP allows you to calculate its size. Select a folder go to the **Commands** menu and select **Calculate directory size**. After a while you will see the directory size like a file size. You may use it for both sides: remote and local.

### File or Folder info

To get any information about a selected file or folder go to the **Commands** menu and select **Get info...** You will see the info box as shown next to the text:

Here you can check and update file permissions for selected file.

Folder Info will allow you to calculate size of folder as it is described in [Calculate Directory Size](#) section above.





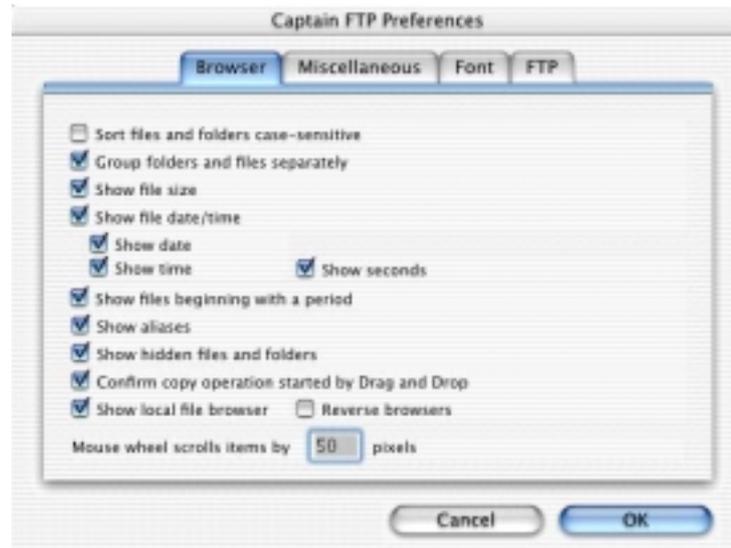
## 7. Captain FTP Customization

Captain FTP has many options which are presented in four different categories. Each is shown as a separate tab within the Captain FTP Preferences dialog box.

To configure Captain FTP just start the program, go to the **Captain FTP** menu and select **Preferences**. The Preferences dialog box will appear.

### Browser Options

Browser option allow you to manage the view of file lists visible in Captain FTP windows:

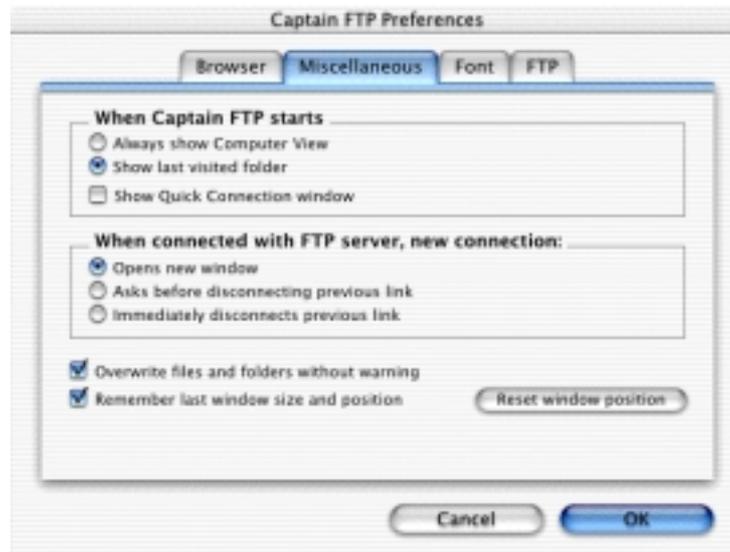


- **Sort files and folders case-sensitive.** Check this if case-sensitive file names are important to you.
- **Group folders and files separately.** By default Captain FTP lists groups of folders and files separated. Now you can change it.
- **Show file size.** Check it if you want to see the file size in the Captain's window.
- **Show file date/time.** Check it for viewing the creation/modification date or/and time of file in Captain's window.
- **Show files beginning with a period** to see all hidden (system) files. Be careful with further manipulation on these files!
- **Show aliases** to view all logical connections between folders.
- **Show hidden files and folders.** This option has an influence only on viewing files on local site. By default Captain FTP shows you files and folders as you can see it using e.g. the finder tool. When you check this you can see all hidden resources of your Mac.
- **Confirm copy operation started by Drag and Drop** to avoid accidental file operations.
- **Show local file browser.** When not checked you will see only remote files and folders list, so you can deploy more visible windows simultaneously. It is useful when you use multiple connections. For your convenience you can reverse browsers to see remote server on left side and local machine on right.
- **Mouse wheel scroll items by...** – set up how it suits you to use mouse scroll sensitivity.



## Miscellaneous Options

As you can see Miscellaneous options are divided into two main frames:



- **When Captain FTP starts.**
  - After Captain FTP starts it shows you a list of local files and folders. Now, you can decide which folder you want to see. Make a choice between **Always show computer view** of your Mac and **Show last visited folder**.
  - **Show Quick Connection window.** When checked right after starting your Captain FTP it will show you the **Quick Connect Window**.
- **When connected with FTP server, new connection:** Make a choice how your Captain FTP will set up a new connection whilst keeping a previous session open:
  - **Opens new window** without prompting you and sets up a new connection as a separate thread in a separate window. All your present sessions will still go on.
  - **Asks before disconnecting previous link.** Captain FTP will disconnect and open a new connection in the present active window, but before this you will be asked for confirmation.
  - **Immediately disconnects previous link.** Captain FTP will interrupt the present session in the active window without prompting you and then will wait for new connection details.

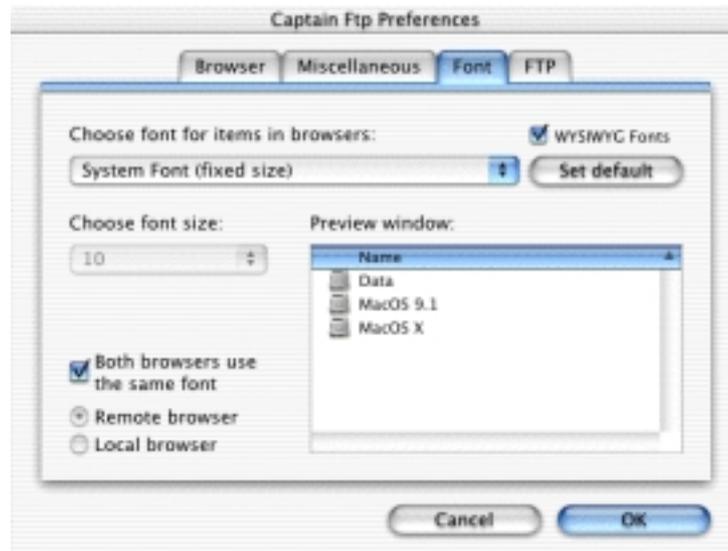
Apart of the frames there are two more options:

- **Overwrite files and folders without warning.** Default setting protects you from accidentally overwriting files or folders with the same name. Of course, if you are a well practiced user you can turn it off and then Captain FTP will not warn you.
- **Remember last window size and position.** You can place Captain FTP window exactly in the place you want to. It might be useful when you are working with many applications at the same time. Every new opened window will be placed exactly at a remembered position. To resume default window position just click the **<Reset window position>** button.



## Font Options

You can customize fonts you want to see in the browser window while working with Captain FTP. To do this:

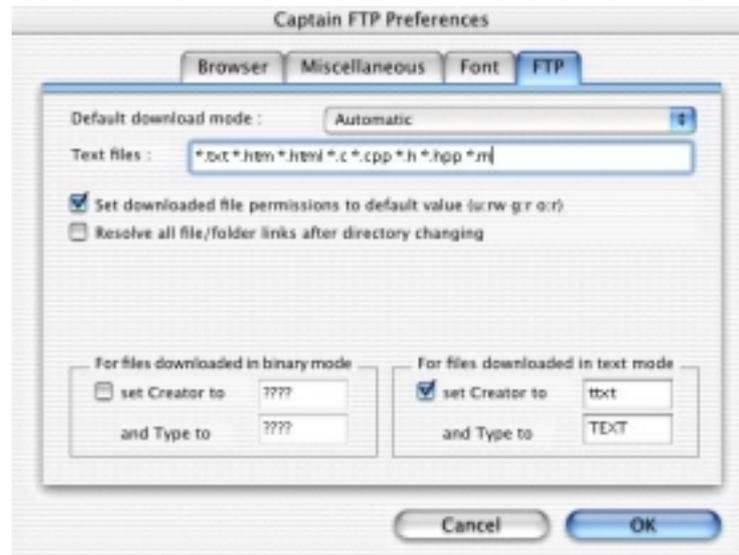


- **Choose font for items in browser** from a list of available fonts in your system. The list depends on your current system configuration.
- **Set default** system fixed size font.
- **Choose font size** from a list of available font sizes. Next to the list you can see a preview of your settings.
- Decide if your settings are valid for **Remote browser** or **Local browser** or check the **Both browsers use the same font** option.



## FTP options

That Tab allows you to control the behavior of Captain FTP:



- **Default transfer mode.** You can choose a default transfer mode (binary, ASCII and automatic). This will be set up when Captain FTP starts. For more information go to [File transfer mode](#) section of this manual.
- **Text files.** There is a list of file extensions for automatic transfer mode. All files types listed here will be transferred as ASCII files. (see [File transfer mode](#))  
**Note:** Should you enter an expression like: `"*.*`" (which rarely makes sense) this will cause all files being transferred in ASCII mode as long as Automatic mode is selected. In the case of binary file transfers they will be corrupted and not usable. Therefore, **DO NOT ADD** expressions like : `"*a.*; *c.*; *.* etc."` to this list.
- **Set downloaded file permission to default value (u:rw g:r o:r).** Some downloaded files may not have the right permissions set. With this option Captain FTP will change original permission settings for your downloaded copy of the file. The original file on the server will be kept without any changes.
- **Resolve all file/folder links after directory changing.** When you have checked this option Captain FTP will test all links if they are links to files or to folders after each change of remote directory. If you have many links on remote server it can take a longer time, but it will show you separately files and folders. If this is not checked Captain FTP will show all links as files and then, if you click on it, will be tested if it is a link to file or folder and accordingly will change its icon and allow next action.
- **Creator and Type of files for binary and text mode.** The default creator and type for binary transferred files are not always set. You can force Captain FTP to set creator and type to a value you prefer. (for more information go to the [Creator and Type of files](#) section).



## 8. Advanced Topics

### Passive mode

Default setting of Captain FTP is the active mode to support full management of FTP sessions. But if you're going to download files from WEB servers using the active mode this will cause an error. In this case just switch your connection to passive mode and you will be able to work on the WEB server as well as on other FTP servers.

### Firewall (proxy server)

Firewall is a device that shields parts of computer networks from intruders by filtering traffic from unwanted IP addresses (in the most basic version). A proxy server is related to a firewall. It acts as a go-between device and is capable to understand what kind of data is transported over FTP or HTTP protocols. For instance FTP packets that seem to contain telnet data can be rejected.

Since all access to the Internet is filtered by a Firewall and forwarded through the proxy server access as well as your data safety can be tightly controlled. On the other hand – to make a connection to a server behind the Firewall (proxy server) you have to enter its IP address and connection parameters.

### Files transfer mode

Selecting the mode of transferring files might be sometimes very important to you. We give you the option between three transfer modes:

- **ASCII mode** causes translation of the end-of-line character(s) in text files, and thus should be used for known text files and known text files ONLY. No Mac resource fork data is transmitted - only the text data.
- **Binary mode.** It is the best transfer method for any other type of data (not text files). It sends/receives files "as-is" with no translation of any kind. It is the default transfer mode in Captain FTP.
- **Automatic mode** takes a shot at guessing the best transfer mode. Downloaded files with known text file extensions are treated as ASCII all others as binary files. You should manually set up the list of known text file extensions using [FTP Options](#) tab in **Preferences** dialog box.

### Creator and Type of files

Electronic files have to describe a wide variety of different things (pictures, sounds, text, etc.) so when you are transferring files we have to keep track of what they are describing and in which format they are doing so. On the Mac each file has two codes associated with it that keep track of this information. The first is called the creator code and it identifies which application is responsible for it. The second is called the file type and describes what kind of file it is, as interpreted by it's creator application. When you download files via FTP to your hard drive Captain FTP has to choose a Macintosh creator code and file type to assign to the file.



## 9. Captain FTP on-line

Captain FTP, since its date of birth, has been developed with lots of contributions of Mac end-users. Especially now, when it is distributed in hundreds of copies a day, we regard it as very important to encourage this participation. The idea is simple: just take an active part in steering Captain FTP abilities and the next version will do what you expect!

Bringing this idea into effect needs packets of online services like a forum, chat, whiteboard (voting system), etc. For your contribution go to: <http://captainFTP.xdsnet.de>

### Register and Login

Every click, word, idea or reported problem may have an influence on Captain FTP – its development and its features. It's a great chance for you to design software for your own use and a great chance for Captain FTP to become a really useful software. On the other hand, it requires reliability. This is the reason we ask you to register your ID and your email address. Before registration you might be a joker or reckless user. After registration you're a honor community member, serious Captain FTP designer and the Captain FTP Team will work for you.

### Voting

All users can vote on a new Captain FTP function from a given list. Periodically the winning function is directed to implementation. The list of potential abilities is completed commonly by users and the Captain FTP Team. So, decide what Captain FTP will be able to do for you in the future!

### Forum

Forum allows all Captain FTP community members to exchange experiences of using this software. It includes answers for technical problems, bug reporting, new ideas etc..

### Chat

This is a real-time communication channel for open discussion.

