



Folder for PalmOS Version 1.0.6

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1 Introduction

Many PalmOS softwares let you use files installed on a memory card. But in some cases, the files have to be copied in a specific directory on the card to be found by the program. Unfortunately, the « QuickInstall » tool that comes with your device installs all PalmOS databases (with extension .pdb) in the same directory (/PALM/Launcher) and you must manually move them in order to use them.

Forget this tedious process with **Folder**: this tiny utility automatically moves the files to their dedicated directory every time you synchronize new files on the memory card.

Folder works on any device with PalmOS version 4 or greater with external memory card support.

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3 Installation

The program is provided in the form of a zip file. Use WinZip or StuffIt Expander (or any equivalent tool) to open it and extract its content. It contains the following files:

- ◆ **folder-en.prc**: the program
- ◆ **folder-en.pdf**: the user guide you are currently reading

Use the Palm Installer (PalmDesktop or HotSync) to install the `folder.prc` file. Then launch the synchronization process to

actually install the program on your device. For further détails, please refer to the documentation that comes with your device.

4 Using Folder

4.1 Normal usage

Once installed, the software works automatically: after each « hotsync », it looks for new files installed on your memory card(s) and moves those files that requires to be in a specific directory. If necessary, the program will create the required directories.

In the current version, the files for the following programs are automatically moved:

- ♦ **MetrO** (public transport data files)
- ♦ **Cabine Air France** (aircrafts data file)

If you want other files to be moved as well, you will have to personalize the software: see the next chapter (« Configuration »).

⚡ Attention

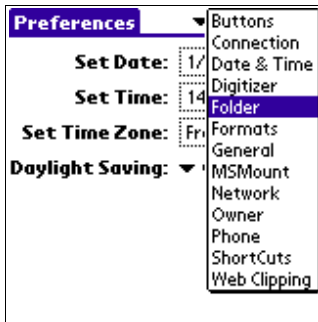
Given the way **Folder** works, you should be aware that:

- ♦ If you installed the program with another tool than hotsync, you will probably have to activate it by hand (see § « Configuration »).
- ♦ In order to avoid losing any data, the program first makes a copy of the file to move, then, if all went well, it removes the original file. Therefore it is necessary that sufficient space is available on the card for 2 copies of any file to move.
- ♦ Writing on the memory card is not extremely fast: the end of the hotsync (when the program enters in action) can be quite long depending on the number of files to move.
- ♦ If the default directory (/PALM/Launcher) contains many files, exploring all of them may also take some time.

- ◆ The program won't inform you if an error occurred during the process: if you have a doubt, just check your files have been correctly moved.

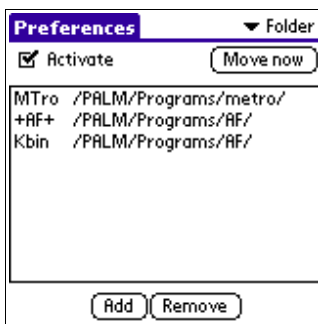
4.2 Configuration

Folder does not come as an independent program with its own icon but as a panel in the Preferences application. Open the « Preferences » and select « **Folder** » in the applets list.



4.2.1 Main screen

The software main screen is displayed. It shows:



- ◆ An « **Activate** » button: to activate or deactivate the automatic process after each hotsync.
- ◆ A « **Move now** » button: to move all « pending » files independently of any hotsync.
- ◆ A list of the « **Moves** » currently configured: each of them is described by a « creator ID » (this is an unique identifier for any PalmOS program) and the destination directory for this software's files. Selecting a line in the list displays the configuration details and lets you make changes (see below).
- ◆ An « **Add** » button: to create a new configuration. Press the button to display the detailed configuration screen (see below).
- ◆ A « **Remove** » button: to remove the selected configuration in the list.

4.2.2 Configuring a « move »

In order to create or change a configuration, you need to know a few details about the PalmOS and how it handles programs and databases (an understanding of what a « creator ID » is, for example, is required).



If you want to create or change a configuration, you have to enter its parameters on this screen:

- ♦ **Creator ID:** it is the unique ID associated with every software on PalmOS (for Metro, for example, the creator ID is MTro). This parameter is required and must be composed of exactly 4 characters. *Character case is critical.*
- ♦ **Type:** it identifies the specific database you want to be moved. This parameter is optional and should be used only for programs that manage only one data file. If entered, it must be composed of exactly 4 characters.
- ♦ **Directory:** it is the destination directory for the matching files. This parameter is required and must start and end with a '/' (as in /PALM/Programs/Metro/).
- ♦ **Name:** you can specify a target file name. This parameter is optional and should be used only for programs that manage only one data file.

5 Troubleshooting

If you encounter a problem running **Folder**, send me a mail at metro@nanika.net describing:

- ♦ The device you are using
- ♦ The PalmOS version the device is running
- ♦ A report as detailed as possible of the problem you observe (describe all steps required to reproduce it).

You can also send me a mail (at the same address) for any enhancement you would like to see in a future version.