

VFILES



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Introduction

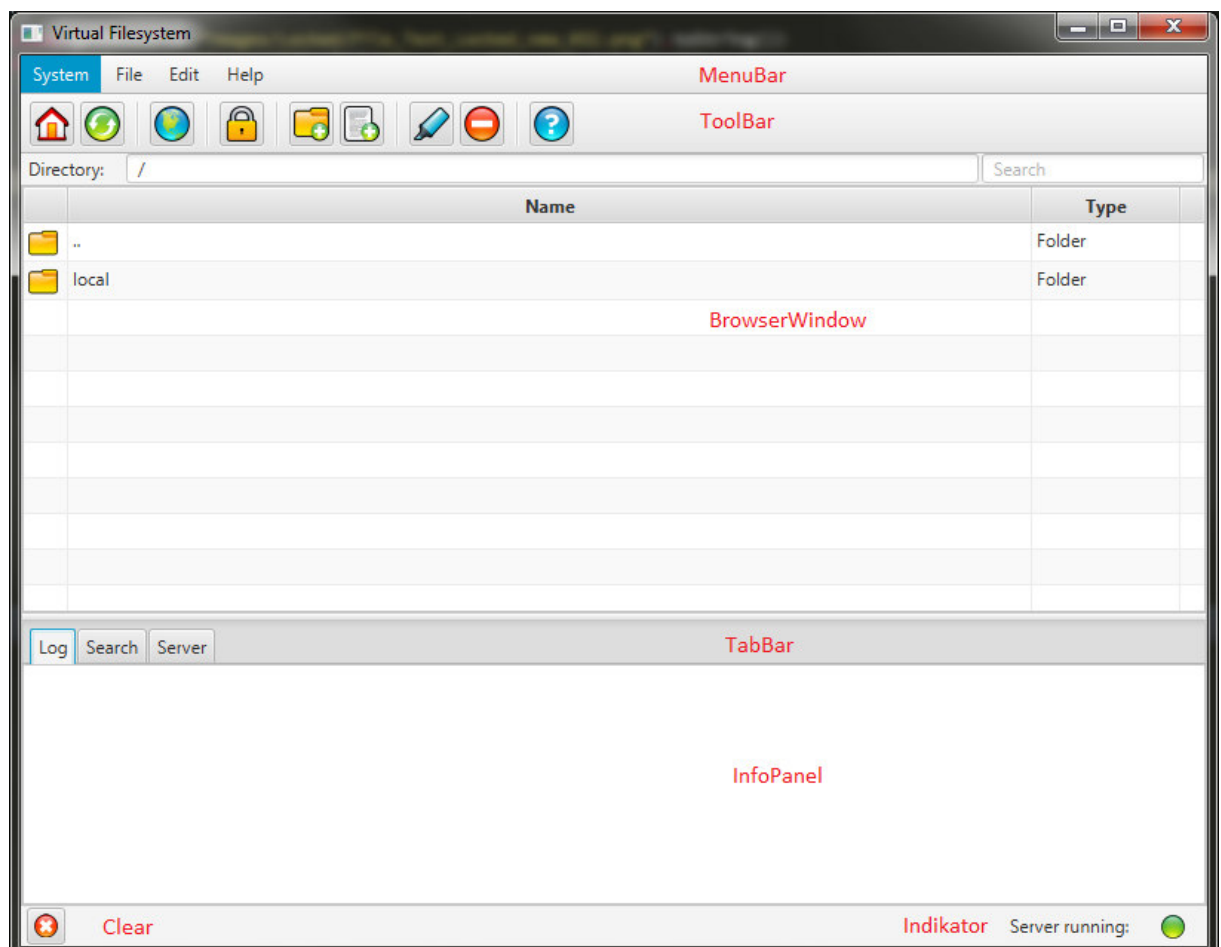
What is vfiles?

Vfiles is a virtual filesystem tool to share files in your network environment with other participants. It's based on a distributed system and a command line program. You have to install it on every client who has to share something. The only thing that vfiles needs to know is the location of the folder you want to share. Under normal circumstances it will find participants in your network automatically and give access to their the shared folders.


What is vfiles GUI?

Unfortunately this is a command line program, and not everyone is comfortable working on the command line. This is where vfiles GUI comes into play. It is a GUI that provides the user with an intuitive but powerful interface to vfiles.

The Main Window



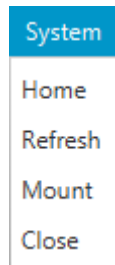
MenuBar



A horizontal menu bar with four items: 'System', 'File', 'Edit', and 'Help'. The 'System' item is highlighted with a blue background.

The MenuBar gives you access to all functions implemented in the command line tool.

System



A vertical menu with a blue header 'System'. Below the header are four items: 'Home', 'Refresh', 'Mount', and 'Close'.

System gives you access to some of the main functions.

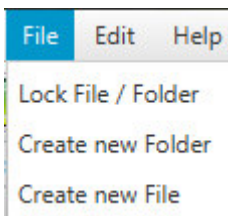
With Home you can always go back to your root folder

Hit Refresh if you want to see if something changes in the directory you are.

With Mount you can add a server to your filesystem which is outside of your local broadcast domain.

And finally you can close the program here.

File

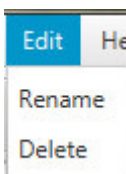


A vertical menu with a blue header 'File'. Below the header are three items: 'Lock File / Folder', 'Create new Folder', and 'Create new File'.

This is the place to create a new file or folder in the current directory.

Also you can lock a file or folder if you have secrets.

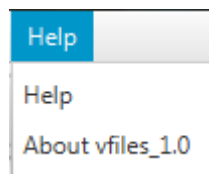
Edit



A vertical menu with a blue header 'Edit'. Below the header are two items: 'Rename' and 'Delete'.

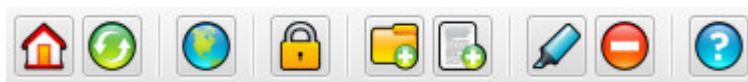
If you want to rename or delete a file or folder in the current directory you have to mark it in the browser and then choose the according entry.

Help



If you read this you know it!
About gives you some additional infos.

ToolBar



The Toolbar gives you fast access to all functions of vfiles.

Home



Wherever you are, the Home Button gives you the ability for a fast return to your root directory.

Refresh



Here you can always refresh the browser view.

Mount



Do you want to add a server to your filesystem? The server is outside of your broadcast domain and not shown in the server-list?

This is the place to go. Hit the button and add the server.

Format: foldername:hostname:port port=4322

Create new directory



Creates an new folder in the actual directory.

Create new file



Creates a new file in the actual directory.

Rename



Mark a file/folder in the browser and hit the button to rename it.

Delete



Mark a file/folder in the browser and hit the button to delete it.

Help



If you read this, you know it.

Directory



Directory:	<input type="text"/>
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If you know the complete path to a file/folder, you can insert it here. After you hit enter, the browser updates the view and you see the content of the selected path. Furthermore the actual path is always shown here.

Search

Here you can search for a file/folder.
The result is shown in the Info Window/SearchTab.
For more information see under → page 7 → Info Window.

Browser

	Name	Type
	..	Folder
	local	Folder

Here you can browse through the directory tree. With a double click you can enter a folder, with a double click on the 2-dot-folder you can go back.

With one click you can mark files/folders and then select a commando from the menu or tool bar.

Info Window

Log Search **Server**

In the Info Window you have three tabs to choose.

First activated ist the ServerTab.
Here you can see all servers available in your broadcast domain.
You can mount all servers shown here with an doubleclick.

The search results are shown in the SearchTab.
You also see in which directory the file/folder is located.
You can navigate easily with a doubleclick on the results to the directory.

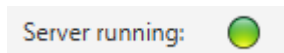
The LogTab gives you information about the communication between the servers and the client. Every action in an remote folder results in an log entry. If you have problems with network communication this is the first place to identify the issue.

Clear InfoWindow



If you want to clear the log entries or the search results hit here.

Server Indicator



The ServerIndicator gives you information about the server. While he is running, the indicator is green.

If, for some reason, the server stops to work, the indicator get's red.