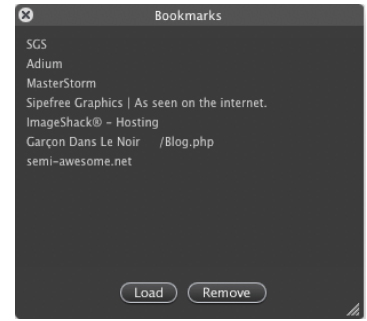# DeskBrowse Documentation







## DeskBrowse 1.0 Documentation

By default, DeskBrowse starts up in SlideBrowse mode. The SlideBrowser is a drawer that slides from the left edge of your screen. When you launch DeskBrowse, the drawer will slide out by it-self. You can hide and show the drawer by pressing the key combination (default is Command + F1).

The upper part of the drawer is the area where webpages are displayed. When you open Desk-Browse, that area will load your homepage. Be-neath that is the tab bar. Tabs represent differ-ent webpages that you have open, and you can shift between those pages by clicking on their re-spective tabs. Tabs are an easy way to view multiple pages in the same window. Below the tab bar is the toolbar. The toolbar is a set of buttons which control DeskBrowse. Fi-nally, we come to the status bar. The status bar shows you the name of the page you are on, as well as a variety of other information.

The drawer can easily be relocated and resized. To move the drawer vertically, click and hold in the area beneath tab bar (except on toolbar buttons). To resize the drawer, grab its lower right-hand corner and drag it to the desired size.



To stop loading a page, click the Stop button in the tool-bar.
To reload a page, use the circulat-ing arrows.
To return to your homepage, click the picture of a house. (de-picted here to the left)

To go to a webpage, simply type the page's URL into the address bar at the bottom of the drawer and press return. Loading progress will be displayed in the status bar.

When you download a file, a small, translucent window will pop up. It displays a list of files you have downloaded, and ones that are in the process of being downloaded. If a download is complete, it will have the word "Finished" next to it. If a download is still in progress, the percent down-loaded will be displayed next to it. To stop a download, press the Cancel button. To stop all downloads, press the Cancel All button. To remove completed downloads, press the Clear button. To reveal the selected download in Finder, press the magnifying glass.

To view a list of the recent web pages you have visited, press the clock button in the toolbar. A window will appear onscreen with a list of dates and the pages you have visited on that date. To load one of those pages, double-click on it or press the Load button. To remove all pages from the history, press Clear. To remove the selected page, press Remove.

Using tabbed browsing is simple. To create a new tab, choose File > New Tab or press Command + T. This will create a new area for you to browse in. To open a link on the current page in a new tab, right-click it and choose "Open link in new tab" or hold command while clicking the link.

DeskBrowse contains another browsing mode: Websposé. When Websposé is enabled, the browsing en-vironment will be very similar, except that the drawer be-comes fullscreen. To toggle Websposé, press Command + F2.

To perform a Google search, type a search query into the "Search Web" box and press return. DeskBrowse will per-form a Google search of the query you typed in and load it in the drawer.
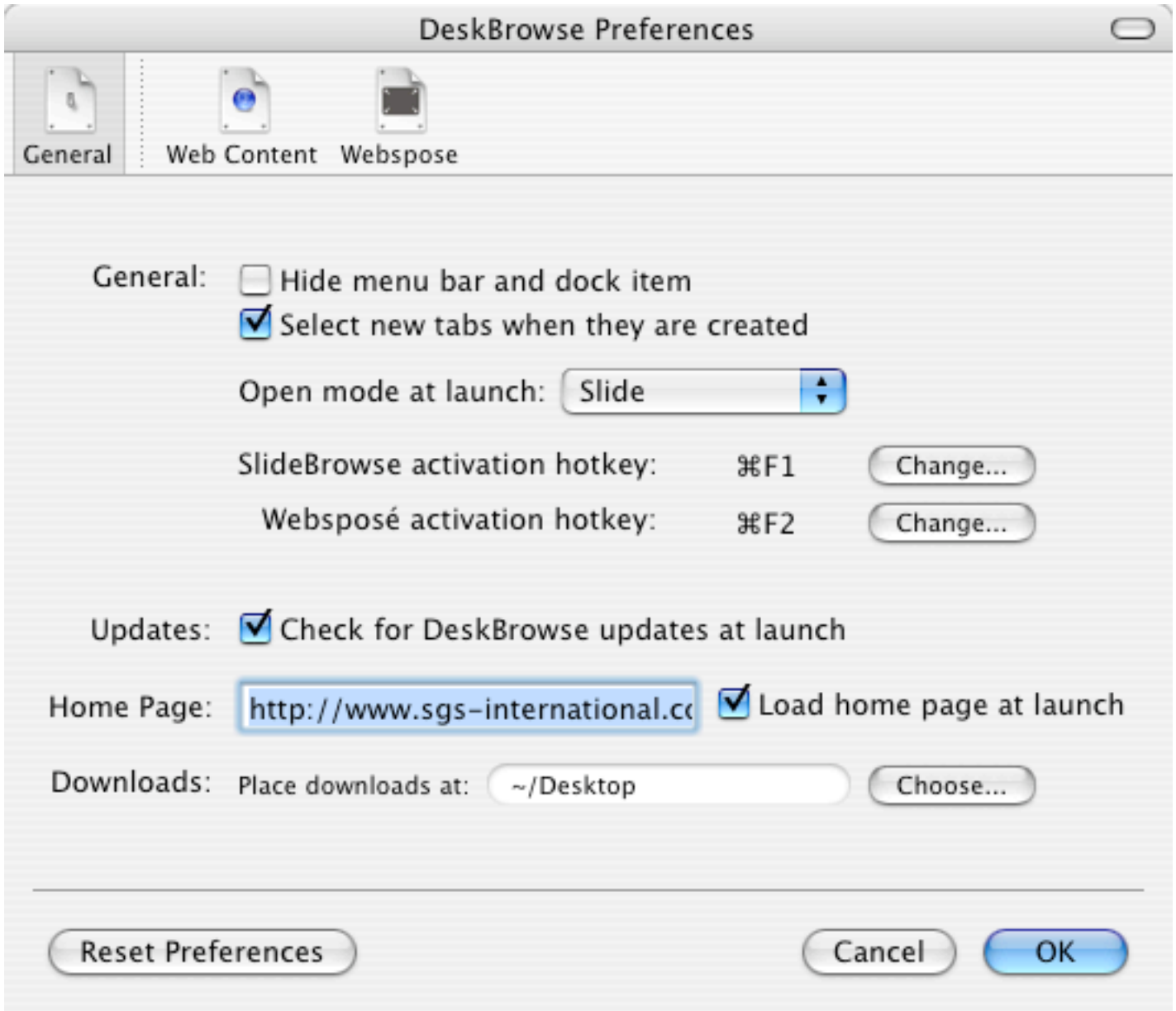
To search within the loaded page, choose Browser > Find in the menu or press Command + F. A text field will re-place the URL bar where you can type a search query. After entering your query, press return, and the first instance of this query will be selected on the page. To cy-cle through the results, use Command + G and Command + Shift + G.

To navigate the his-tory of the pages you have viewed, use the back and forward arrows in the toolbar located at the bottom of your window and the top of Websposé.

To change your homepage, hotkey options and more, open the General tab of DeskBrowse preferences. To control what content DeskBrowse does and does not display on webpages, use the Web Content tab. To set and modify a password that is necessary to exit Websposé (useful for kiosk browsing), use the Websposé tab.

able it if that is your preferred way of operation.
If you get yourself into the situation where you need to get the preferences open but have the menu

## DeskBrowse Preferences

| General | Web Content | Webspose |

**General:** ☐ Hide menu bar and dock item
☑ Select new tabs when they are created

Open mode at launch: [ Slide ▾ ]

SlideBrowse activation hotkey: ⌘F1 ( Change... )
Websposé activation hotkey: ⌘F2 ( Change... )

**Updates:** ☑ Check for DeskBrowse updates at launch

**Home Page:** [ http://www.sgs-international.co ] ☑ Load home page at launch

**Downloads:** Place downloads at: [ ~/Desktop ] ( Choose... )

( Reset Preferences )          ( Cancel )  ( OK )

Above you see the General tab of the preferences, the first option is to enable the menubar and dock items, if you enable this you will not see the DeskBrowse menubar **at all**, if you find that you need the menubar this is a bad choice.
The Dock icon only disappears if you do not place it in the Dock yourself, that means if you place it in the Dock it will remain there.
The option to select new tabs is enabled by default because that is the most common way to use tabs, feel free to dis-

bar disabled use Command + , to call the preferences.
The "Open mode at launch" feature is mainly for those who prefer using a locked websposé, this way you can have Desk-Browse as a startup item

and have DeskBrowse automatically lock the user into Web-sposé and load your homepage.

You may find the original hotkeys a bit unsuitable for you, so why not experiment with different ones? We have the Command + F1 and Command + F2 selected as your de-

A suggestion is to use F1 and F2 without modifiers or perhaps some other F-key.

What you see above is the Websposé preference tab, all options which only affect the user in Websposé mode are placed here.

Updates are simple if you use our built-in updater, it's really only necessary to disable this feature if you feel that the person using the computer should not be handling the updating of the software. As a suggestion, leave it on as long as the computer is your own.

fault because this way they will most likely not interfere with other hotkeys you may have.

The homepage is the page bookmarked as the main page for the first tab opened at launch (Uncheck the box to make it not load anything.) and if you click the little house button.
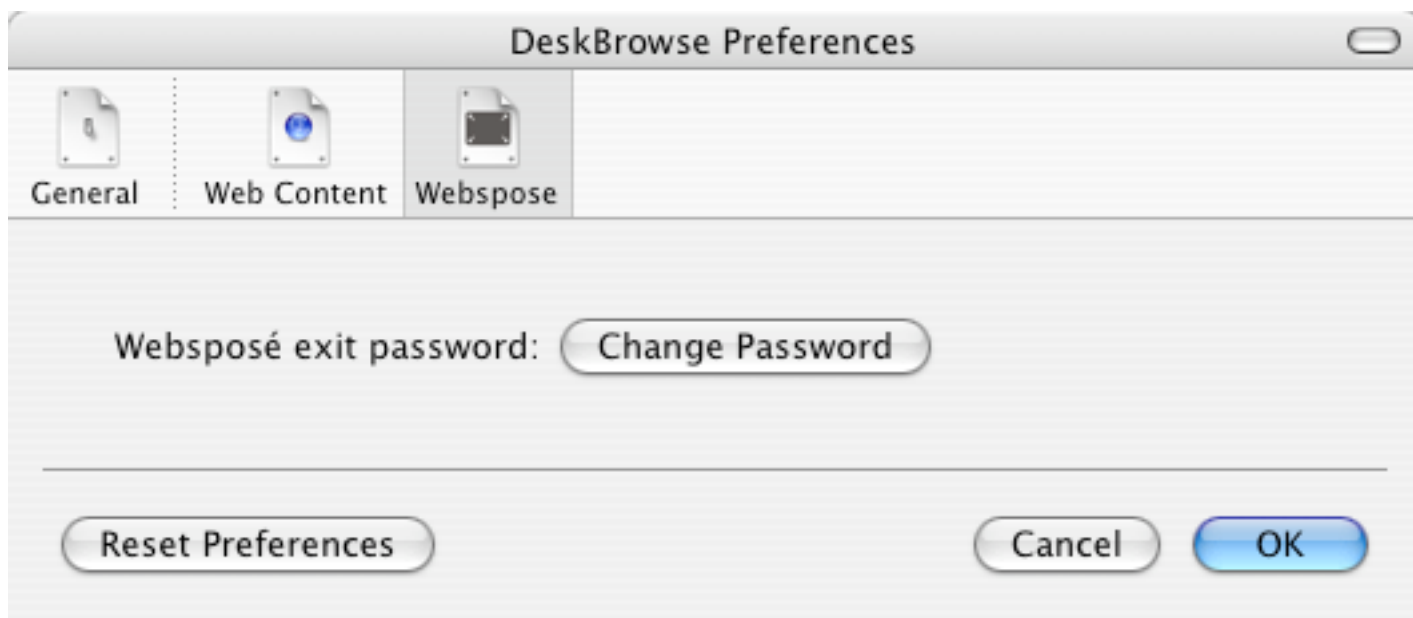
To make it simple to find your downloads we place them on your desktop as a default, don't let that stop you from keeping a separate folder to store your downloaded files in. Remember where that folder is though, it may be hard to find downloads if you do not have any idea of where they are and you forget their names.

Observe: Disabling/ Enabling the updater will NOT prevent DeskBrowse from connecting to the internet or in any way make your experience any less fantastic.

Unless you know what you are doing, don't go changing the downloads folder.
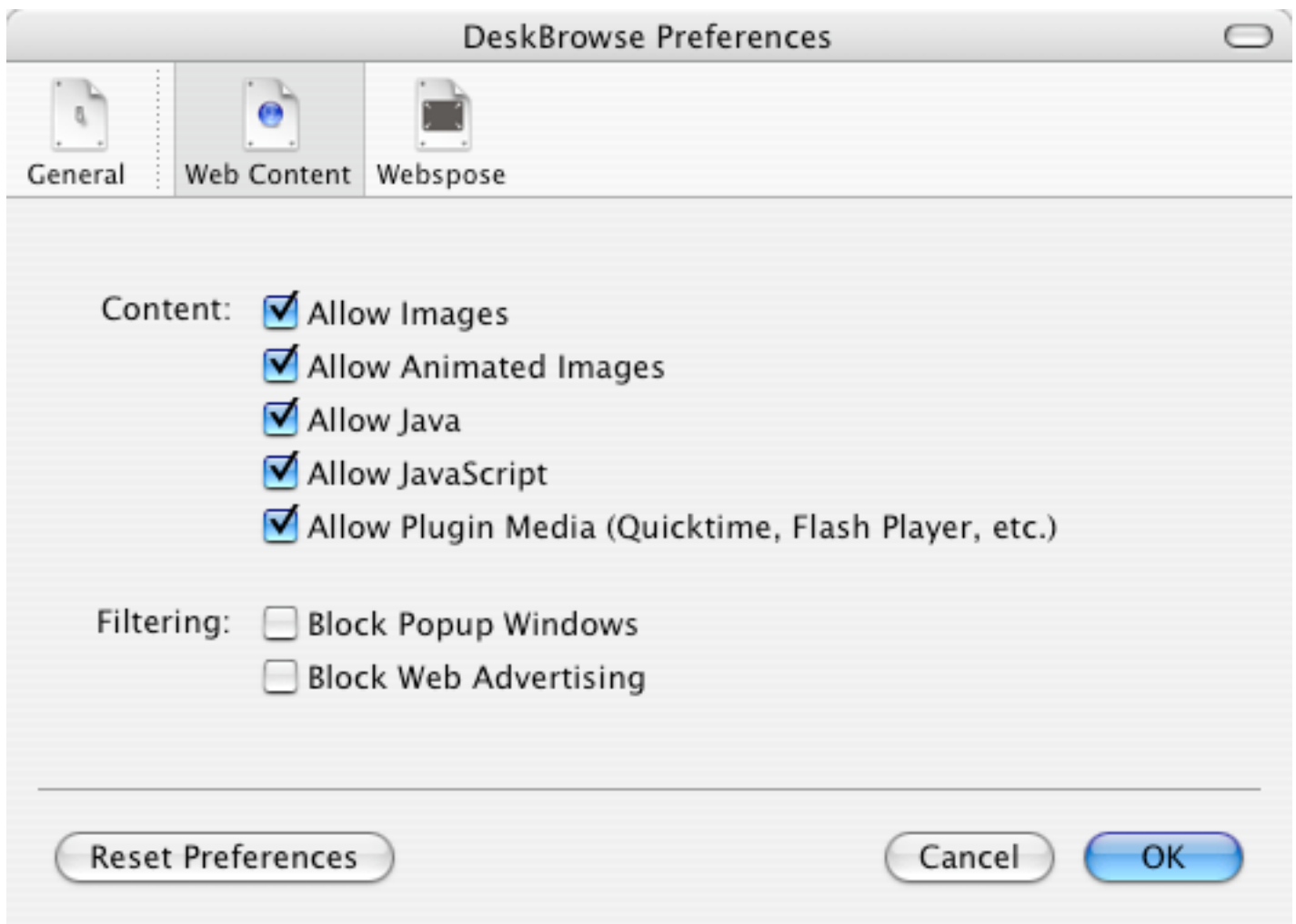


The path is shown so you can easily get to the folder of your downloads.

Currently we have the option to apply a password that must be entered to exit Websposé, useful for those who do not wish to have the user do anything else on the computer.

More options will be added here in future versions.

This picture shows the Web Content tab of DeskBrowse's preferences, let's go through these options real quick.

**Content**

If you uncheck the box for Allow Images you will not see any images, simple as that.

The next box determines whether or not animated gifs are displayed, if it's not ticked you will not see any animated gifs.

If you don't want Java Applications running in your brows-ing environment uncheck the Allow Java box, no fuss.

JavaScript is very common on the internet, but if you find them overkill you just uncheck the Allow JavaScript box.

(Please note that Java and JavaScript are two different things)

Don't like Extra stuff? Uncheck the Allow Plugin Media and no movies or sounds will play.

**Filtering**

The Block Popup Windows option is very commonly used among users of other browsers, we think it's best not to enable this by default, however if you feel they are unwanted just check this box and they will go away.
(There are no warnings if a page tries to open a popup.)

We have this little option for you called Block Web Advertising, it's not fully blocking every single ad-vertisement yet, but will soon.