

Differences between the Windows and Mac versions of Recollector

The versions of Recollector for MS/Windows and for Macintosh OS X are, to a large extent, identical. We have tried to ensure that both platforms retain the same functionality, and as new features are added to the product, they are added into both versions. In addition, collection files are compatible across versions: Files created with the Windows version of Recollector can be opened by the Mac version, and vice versa.

Nevertheless, there are small differences between Windows and the OS X operating systems that inevitably result in some differences between the two versions of Recollector. Most of the time this is due to a particular capability, available on only one of the two platforms, being so natural or beneficial to the application on that platform that it makes good sense to take advantage of it, even if the other platform cannot exactly duplicate that particular capability.

The following documents the minor areas of difference between the two versions of the product.

Available only in the Mac OS X version of Recollector

- Revert to earlier versions of a collection. The OS X version of Recollector takes advantage of the OS X's *Versions* capability (introduced with OS X Version 10.7), which allows users to revert back to any one of a number of earlier versions of their collection. This capability is not present under Windows, but users can use Recollector's own backup and restore capabilities to revert to earlier versions.

Cosmetic user-interface differences between the two versions

- Auto-save is implemented as a preference in the Windows version. On the Mac, auto-save is built into the Mac Document Architecture. In other words, on the Mac auto-save is always turned on and no Recollector-specific settings are required.
- On Windows, Help is implemented as a series of HTML pages that, when you open them, appear in your default web browser. On the Mac, Help is implemented using the Mac Help Center. However, in both versions you can find access to Help in the same place: on the Help menu.
- Some menu items are located in different places on the two versions. For example, access to Recollector's preferences is found on the *Recollector* menu on the Mac and on the *Options* menu on Windows. (Only the Mac has a top-level menu titled "Recollector". Having a top-level menu with the name of the application is standard on the Mac. The Recollector-specific items on this menu are found on other menus in the Windows version.)
- Thumbnail sizes are specified in device-independent pixels (1/96") in the Windows version and in points (1/72") on the Mac version.
- Some interfaces - such as *Find* on the *Search* menu or *Sort Order* on the *Options* menu - that come up as separate dialogs (which can be repositioned on the screen) on the Windows version, are shown as non-repositionable drop-down panels on the Mac version. This is done to more closely conform to Mac user-interface guidelines.