

DiskKeepCatalog User Instructions & FAQ

DiskKeepCatalog is a portable cataloging utility designed to organize and search large collections of:

- External hard drives
- USB thumb drives
- NAS backups
- Photos and videos
- Documents and archives
- Music and media collections

DiskKeepCatalog allows you to search previously scanned drives even when those drives are offline.

Quick Start Guide

1. Open DiskKeepCatalog
2. Enter a Catalog Name
3. Click Browse
4. Select the drive or folder to scan
5. Click Start Scan

Depending on the size of the drive, scanning may take several minutes.

Searching Catalogs

1. Enter text into the Search box
2. Select a catalog or choose All Catalogs
3. Click Search

Previewing Files

Select a search result and:

- Double-click the item
- Or click Open Preview Window

The preview system supports:

- Images
- Videos
- Music
- Documents
- Media information

Duplicate Finder

DiskKeepCatalog uses SHA-256 hash verification for true duplicate detection.

This means files are verified using actual file contents rather than only filenames.

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photo.jpg  
photo (1).jpg  
copy_photo.jpg
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If the file contents are identical, DiskKeepCatalog marks them as VERIFIED DUPLICATES.

Safe Duplicate Cleanup

DiskKeepCatalog does NOT permanently delete duplicates immediately.

Instead:

- One copy is preserved
- Extra copies are moved to a holding folder
- Folder structures are preserved
- Hashes are verified before moving files

Reports and Exports

DiskKeepCatalog supports:

- CSV exports
- HTML reports
- Duplicate reports

Useful for:

- Inventory tracking
- Backup audits
- Storage cleanup

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does DiskKeepCatalog modify files during scanning?

A: No. Scanning is read-only.

Q: Can I search unplugged drives later?

A: Yes. Catalogs remain searchable even when drives are offline.

Q: Can files with different names still be duplicates?

A: Yes. If file contents match, the hash matches.

Q: Does the program permanently delete duplicates?

A: Not automatically. Files are first moved to a holding folder for safety.

Q: Can I catalog NAS drives and network shares?

A: Yes. Any mounted or accessible folder may be cataloged.

Q: Can I update without losing catalogs?

A: Yes. Updates are designed to preserve catalogs and reports.

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