

# MacHider User Guide



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# Welcome!



## MacHider Overview

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MacHider is a product intended to put your confidential information out of sight from third parties or other unwanted eyes.

Our user-friendly application makes sure all of your personal files and folders will be protected by password and stored in a place that only you will know.

Your private files and folders can be organized into groups, so you may easily and quickly locate them whenever you need. Simply organize them by categories and keep your private files structured.

MacHider integrates into Finder, so you can hide your files just by control-clicking on them and selecting “Hide”.

Want to keep your desktop clean? Hide all files with MacHider, and unhide only the ones you need.

Discover all the alternatives, just download, try MacHider and forget about those little secrets!

If you have any questions or suggestions please [contact us](#).



## System Requirements

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- \* Mac OS X 10.5 or higher.
- \* 6.1Mb of disk space

Works on both Intel and PowerPC Macs.



# Getting Started



## Downloading and Installation

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Please [click here](#) to download or visit our [website](#) and click Download.

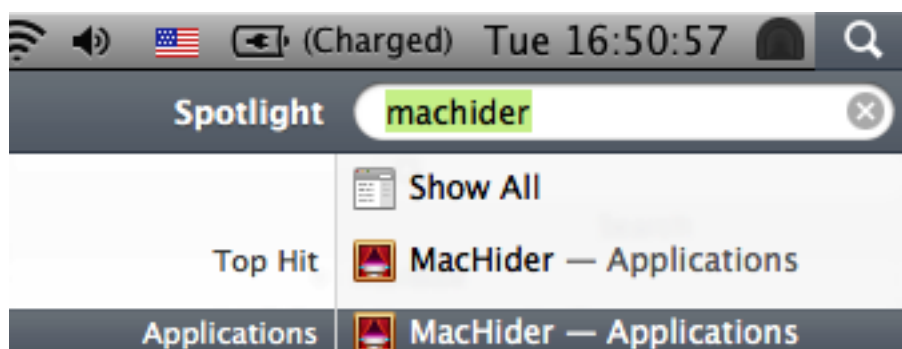
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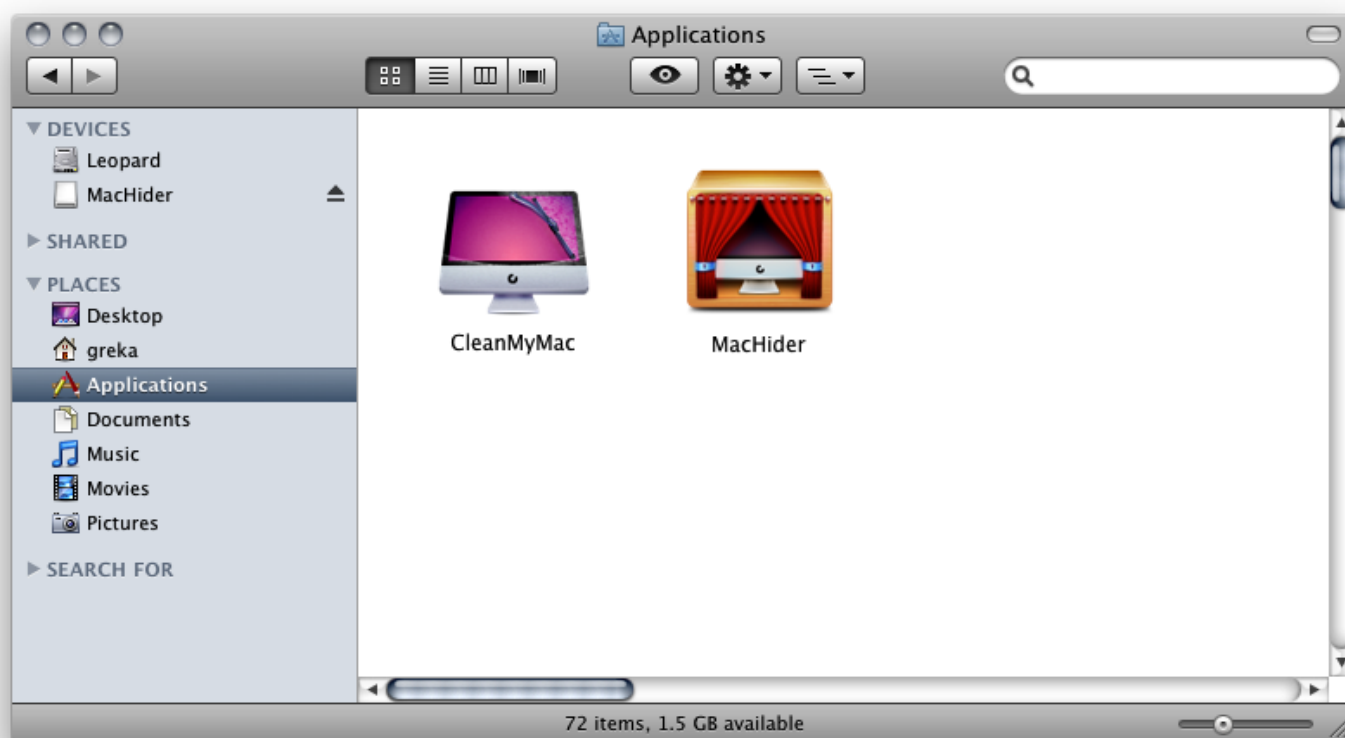
Drag MacHider directly into your Applications folder



## Launch MacHider



You can rapidly find MacHider on Spotlight.



Or launch it directly from your Applications folder.





You can drag MacHider to the Dock and keep it there if you want to.

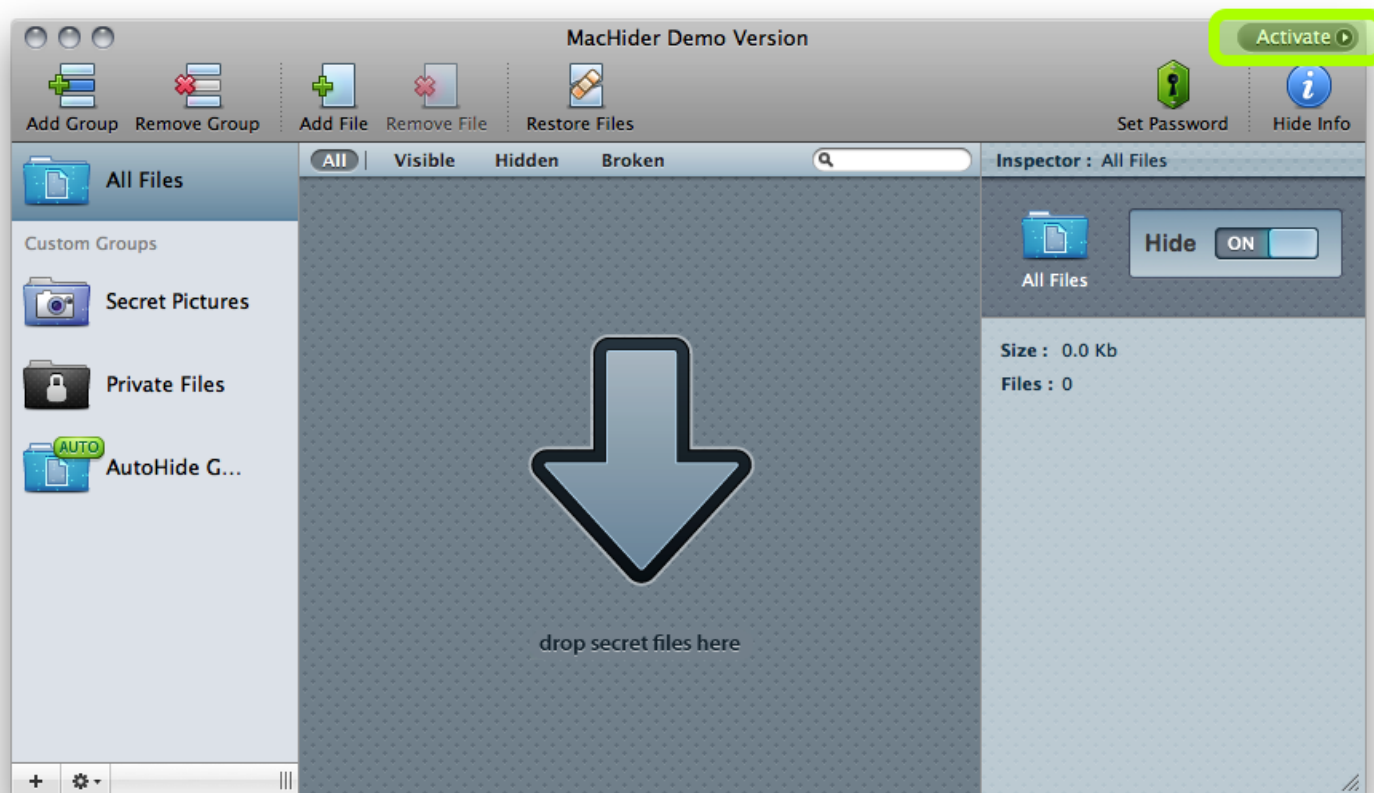


## Activation

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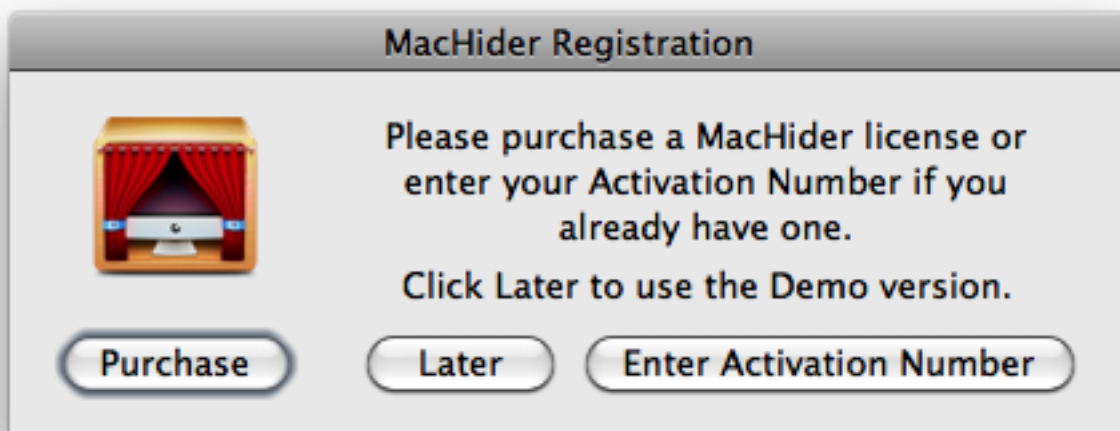
Please follow the steps below to activate MacHider:

### 1. Launch MacHider and click Activate





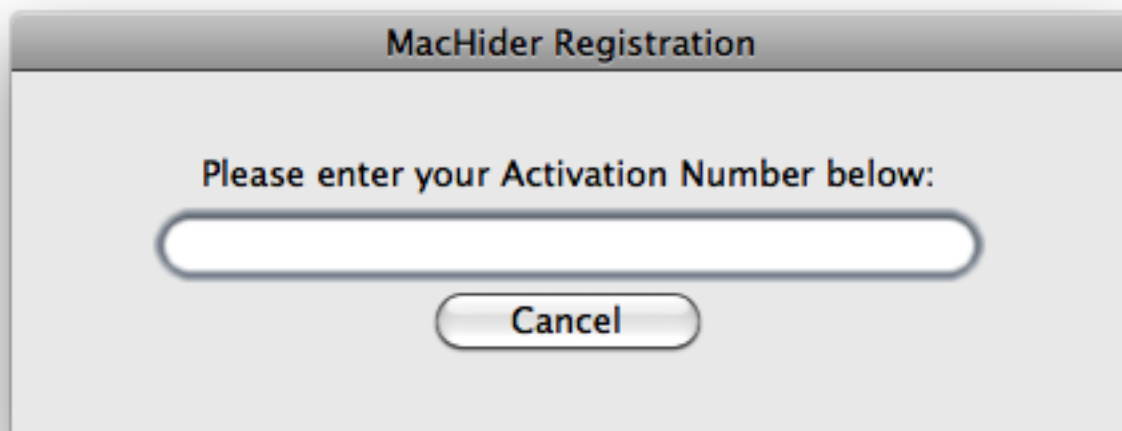
## 2. Select Your Option



1. Purchase - You will visit our Web-Store. Go through the payment process in order to get your Activation Number if you still don't have one.
2. Later - You will continue using the trial version, which allows you to hide 3 files only.
3. Enter Activation Number - click here if you already have your Activation Number.



### 3. Paste Your Activation Number



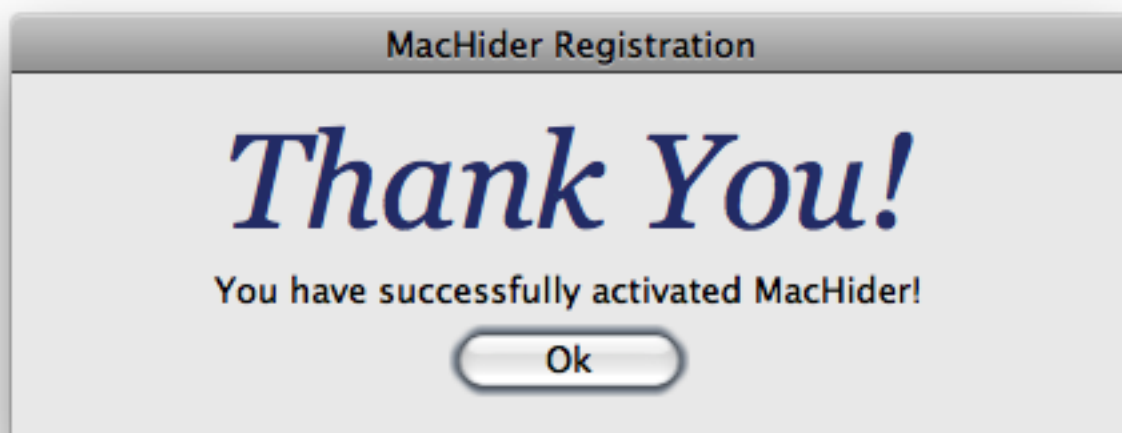
Please make sure you include all the letters and numbers.

If you have any errors or blank spaces you will only be able to click Cancel.

NOTE: You can use your original Activation Number for a particular amount of times, which is the amount of licenses you have purchased. In case you need to re-activate the application on the same computer later, use the permanent offline activation number you will get via e-mail after the original activation. However, the Permanent Number is tied to the short username of your account and if you change it, you won't be able to register using the same number anymore. In such cases, or if you bought a new Mac and would like to transfer your license, please contact our [Customer Support](#).



#### 4. Successful Activation!



Congratulations! You can now use your full version of MacHider.

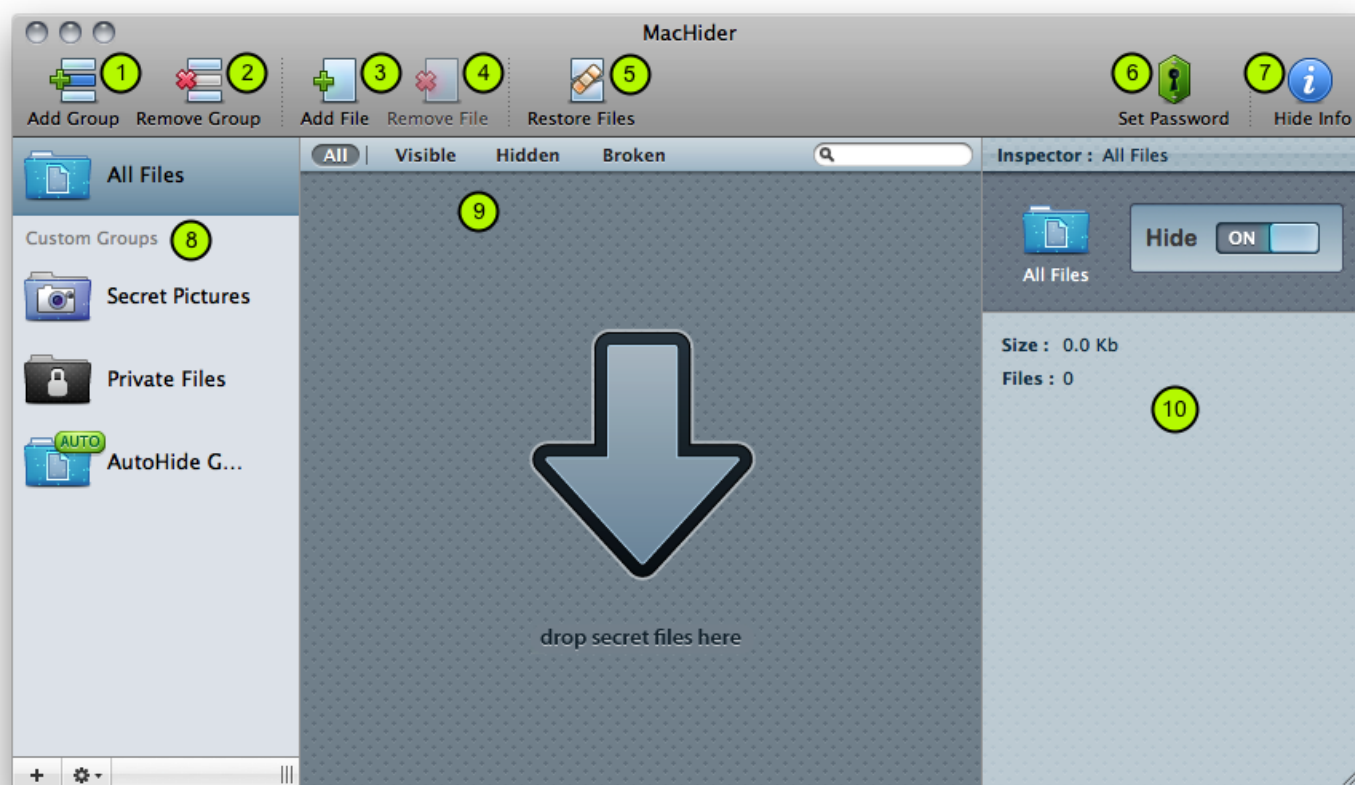


# The Application



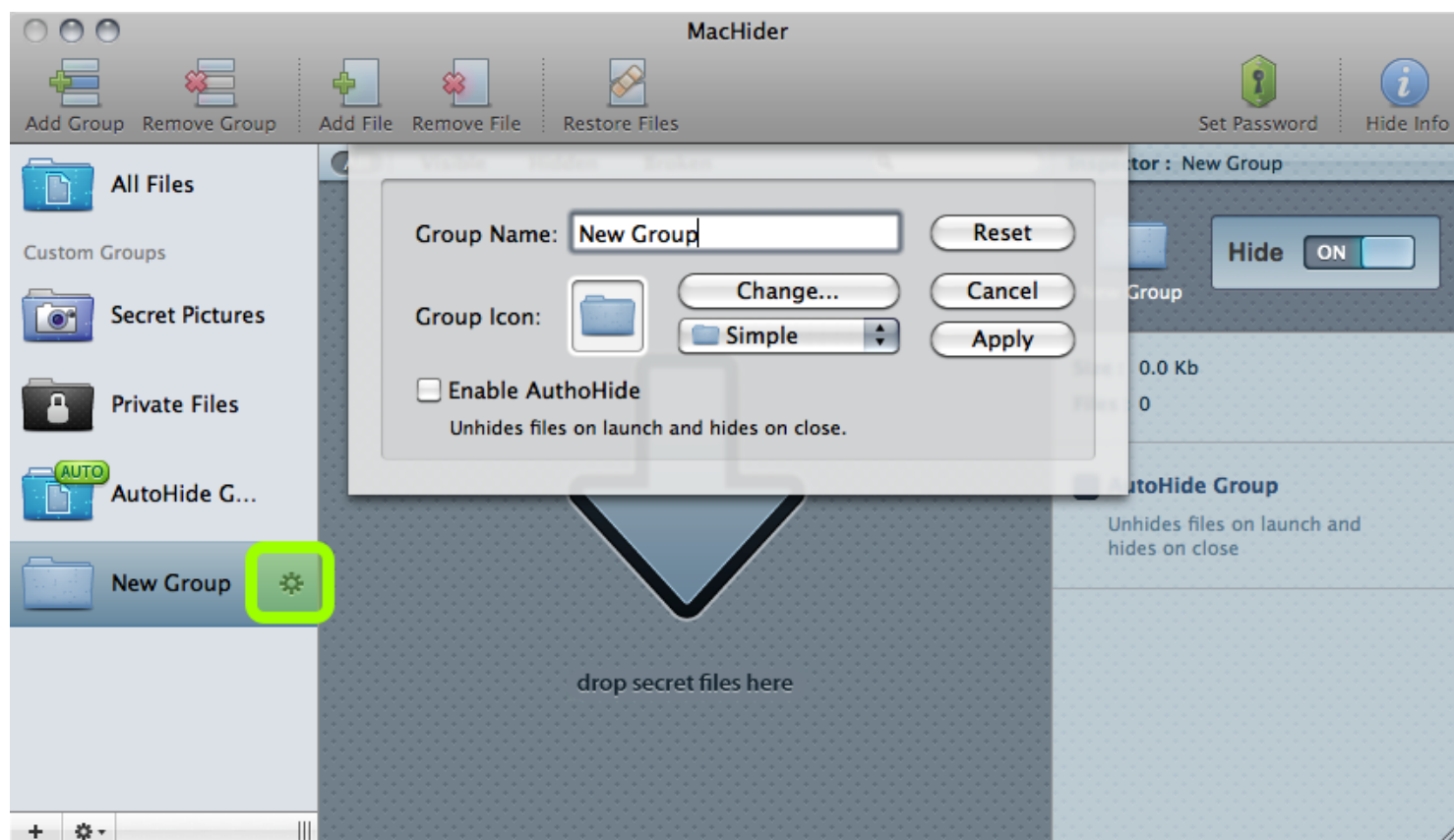
## The Main Window

Here you can find a description of all the options in the main window.





## 1. Add Group



Your Files can be organized by groups in MacHider. Just click the 'Add Group' button to add a new group.

Click on the 'gearwheel' button next to the group to change its name and icon style.

If you enable the AutoHide feature for a group - all the files in that group will be automatically hidden when you close MacHider. When you launch MacHider again - they will unhide.

## 2. Remove Group

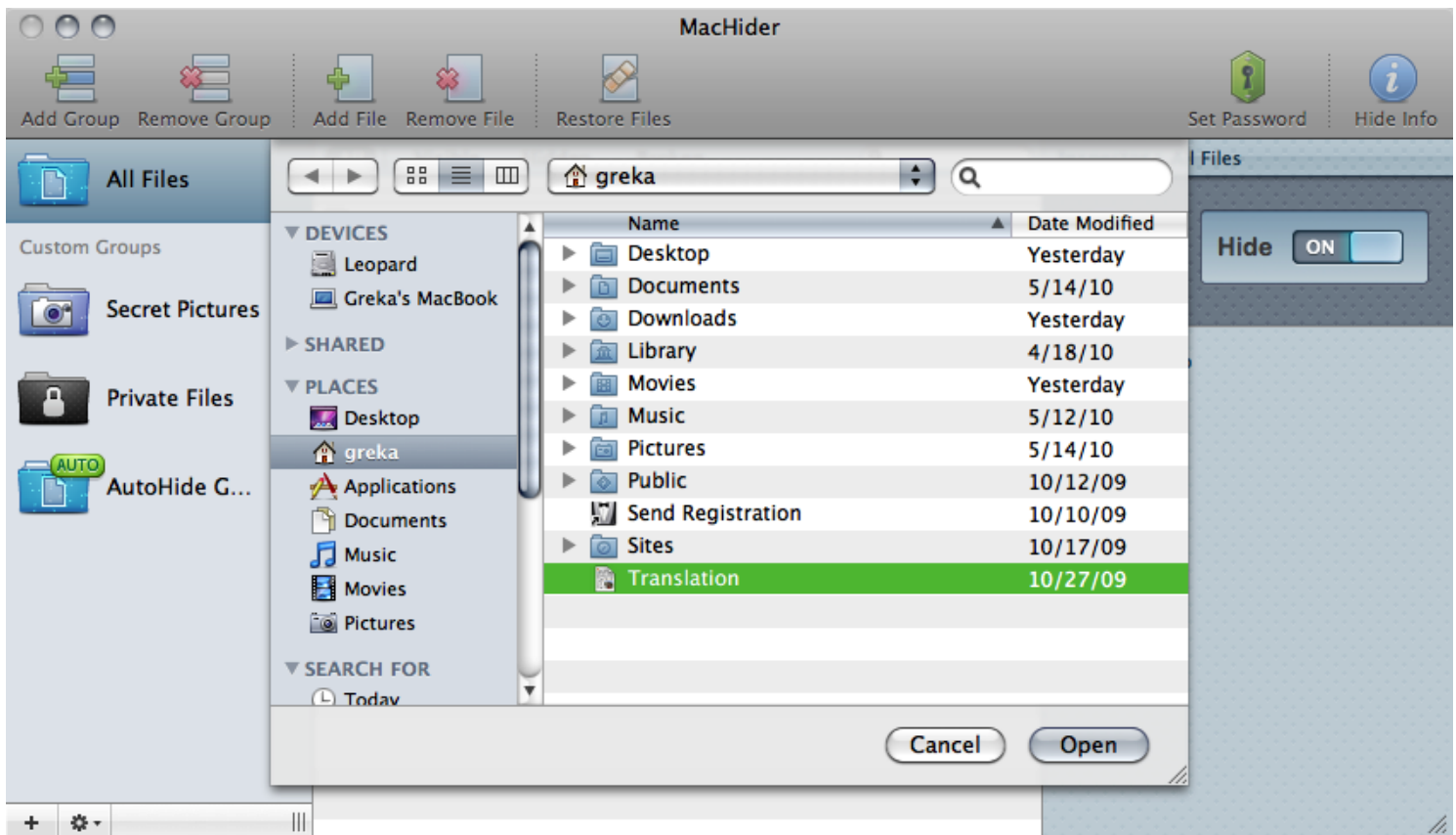
Select the folder you would like to remove and click the 'Remove Group' button. All the files that were located in that group will now be under 'All Files'.

Alternatively, you can just use the 'Backspace' or 'Delete' button on your keyboard to remove a group.





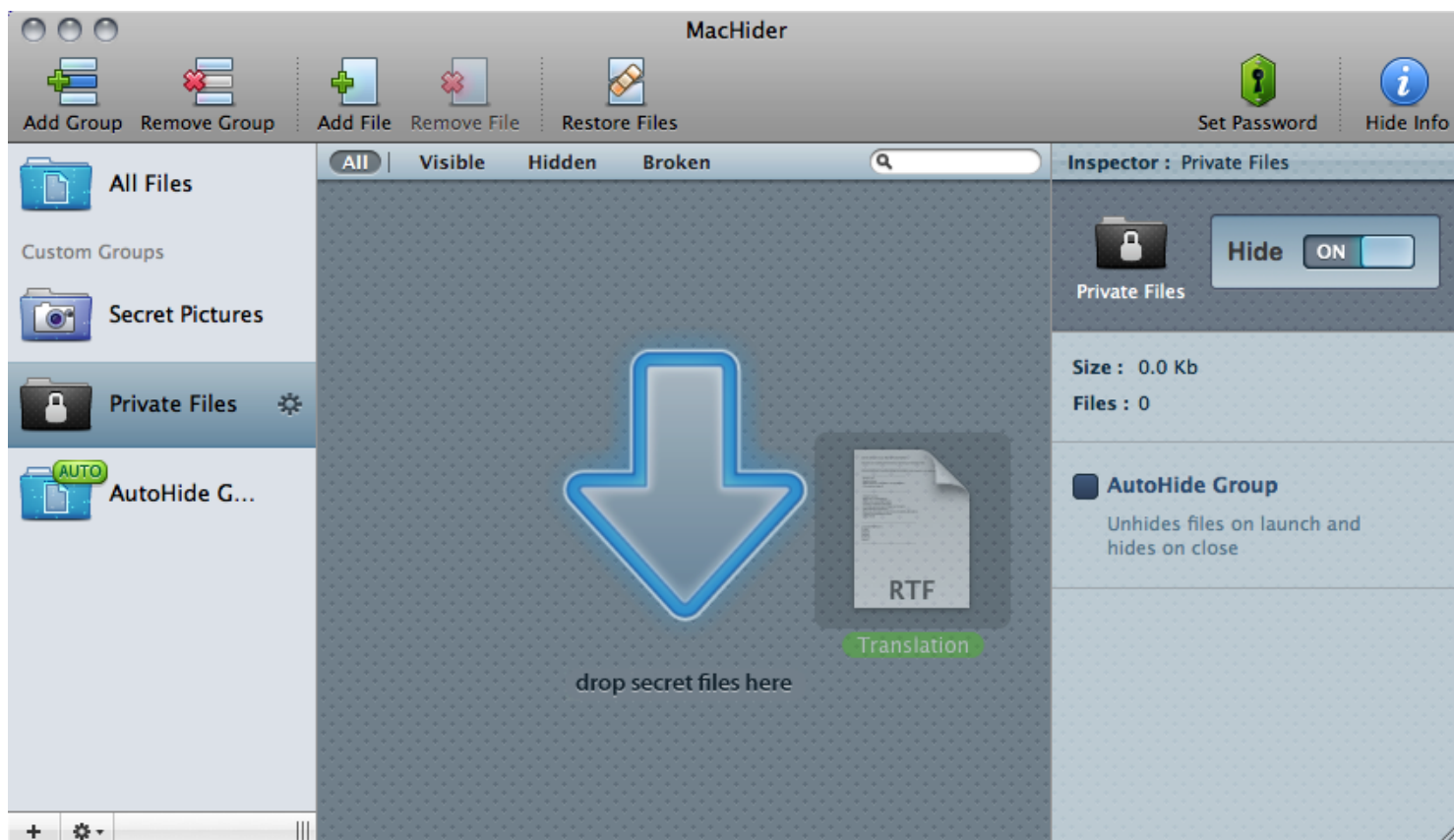
### 3. Add File



Use the 'Add File' button to add a file that you would like to hide.

- a) Select the folder where you want to place the new file.
- b) Click on "Add File"
- c) Select the file that you want to hide and click Open.

You will now be able to hide it using the slider in the Inspector area on the right.



You can also add files into a determined group by simply dragging and dropping them into MacHider. Just select a file in Finder and drag it into the group where you would like to hide it using MacHider.

#### 4. Remove File

Just select the file you would like to remove from the list of MacHider and click the 'Remove File' button. After you do that, the file will stay on your disk in the same state (hidden or unhidden). It will not be removed physically.

Alternatively, you can just use the 'Backspace' or 'Delete' button on your keyboard to remove a file.

#### 5. Restore Files

This feature was created in case that you need to recover a file you removed from MacHider, but did not unhide it. A file can be lost during an uninstallation, a crash or in case it was moved to a different folder by mistake.

Here is what you need to recover the files:



- a) Click the 'Restore Files' button.
- b) Select the folder where the hidden file was originally located and click Open.
- c) The file will be found and shown in the main list so that you could unhide it using the slider in the Inspector pane.

## 6. Set Password / Change Password



You can easily set up a password for MacHider using the 'Set Password' button. Just click on the 'Require password' checkbox, enter your password, confirm it and click OK. After you do that, you will need to enter the password every time you open MacHider.

## 7. Hide / Show Info

You can show or hide the Inspector info-panel of MacHider using the Info button in the main toolbar.

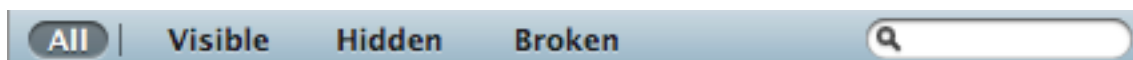
## 8. Custom Groups

The Custom Groups area shows you the list of groups you have. You can change the settings of any group by simply double-clicking on it.

MacHider has probably all the necessary types of icons for your groups: music, pictures, movies, games, private and a lot more.



## 9. The Main Area



The main area of MacHider is the place where you see your files and drop new ones in.

You can filter the files to see All, Visible, Hidden or Broken in the list.

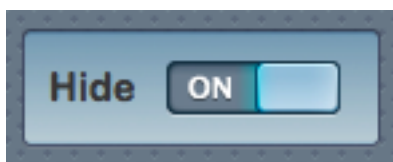
The broken files are those that were moved to a new location on your disk, but you did not restore them using MacHider.

## 10. Inspector

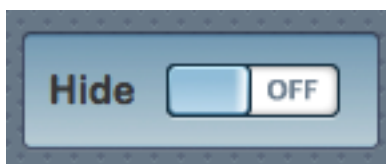
This is where you can see the info about the item, selected at any given moment.

The Hide slider shows you whether the selected group/file is hidden or not. You can see the size of the item and a preview in the Inspector pane.

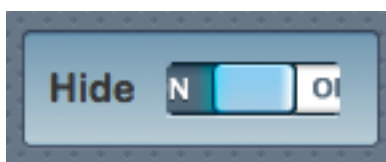
You can quickly enable the AutoHide feature for any group directly from the Inspector.



The selected group or file is hidden.



The selected group or file is not hidden.



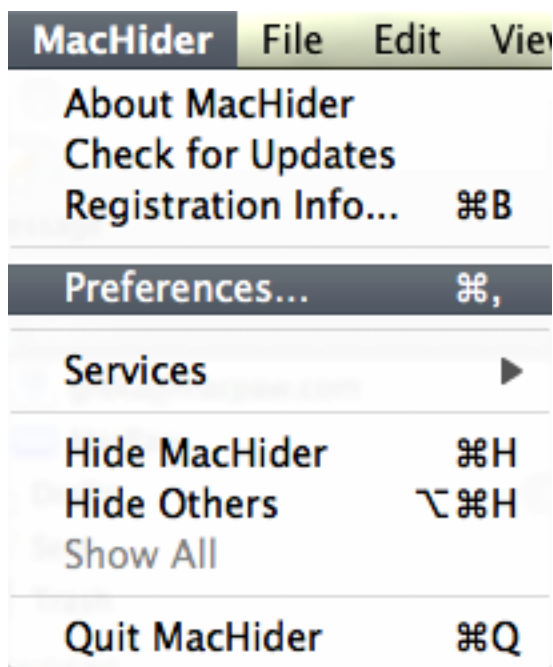
In case the Hide slider sits in the middle and does not show you the exact 'On' of 'Off' state - it means that you have either chosen a group with both hidden and unhidden files or you have selected a broken file.



## Preferences

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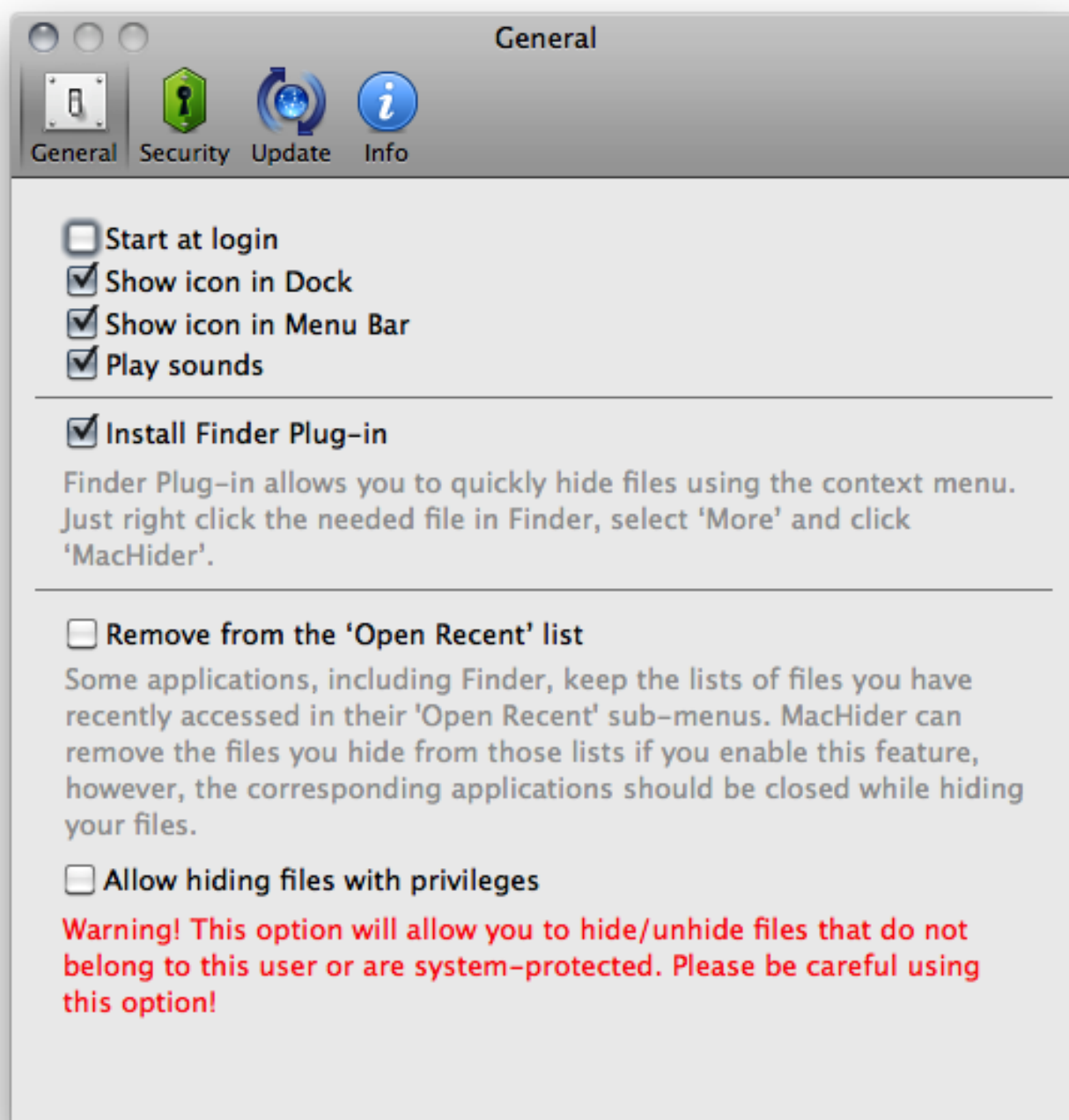
You can configure MacHider from the Preferences dialog.



Just click Preferences in the main MacHider menu.



## 1. General



**Start at login** - when checked, this option will launch MacHider automatically on system start up.

**Show icon in Dock** - uncheck this option and you will not see the MacHider icon in the Dock even if it is launched.



**Show icon in Menu Bar** - check this option to have quick access to the main features of the app directly from a separate MacHider icon in your Menu Bar.

**Play Sounds** - allow MacHider to use sound effects.

**Install Finder Plug-In** - Select this option if you want to have quick access to hide your files directly from Finder. Just right-click on a file to find a MacHider hiding option there.

**Remove from the 'Open Recent' list** - this feature will make MacHider remove the trace to the file you hide from the 'Open Recent' lists of apps that used it previously.

Note: applications that use non-standard ways of storing history can still have the links to the files they used even if the files are hidden.

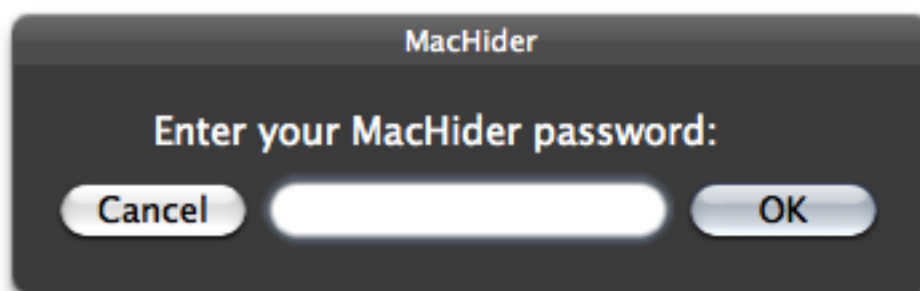
**Allow hiding files with privileges**: this option will allow you to hide any files on your computer. USE IT VERY CAREFULLY!!! Hiding a system file can crash your OS.



## 2. Security



Here you can set or change your password for MacHider.

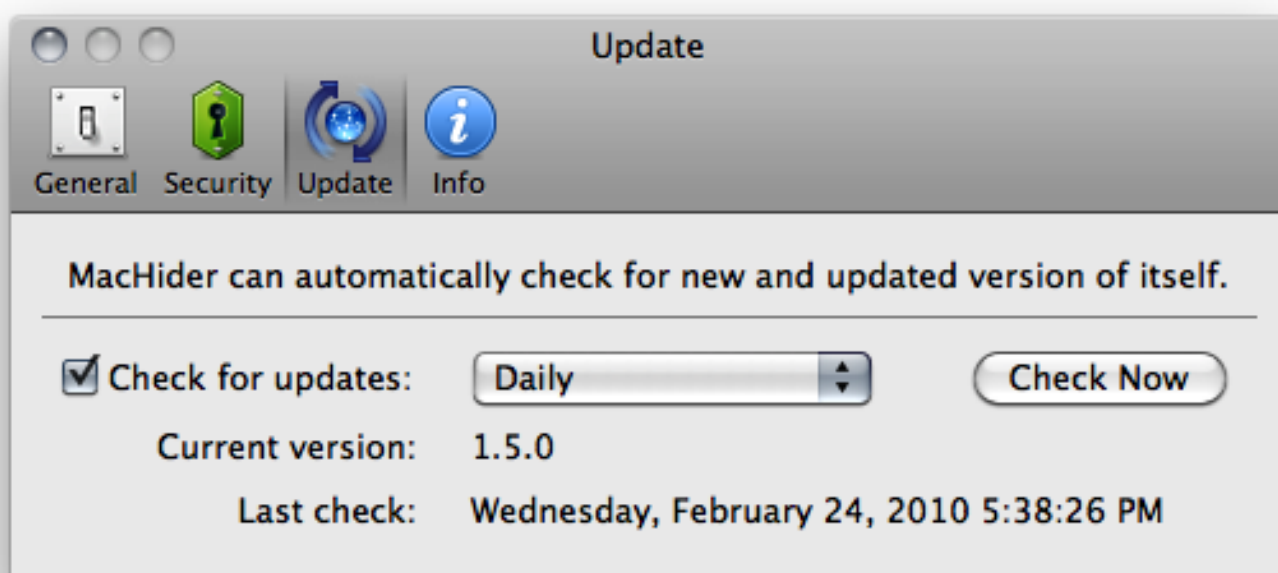


If you have a password you will be requested to enter it every time you launch MacHider.





### 3. Update



Here you can find the current version of MacHider, check for updates and set an automatic check to be done Daily, Weekly or Monthly.



#### 4. Info



The Information tab will show you the current version of MacHider, your activation info and a button that will bring you to our Customer Support web-page.



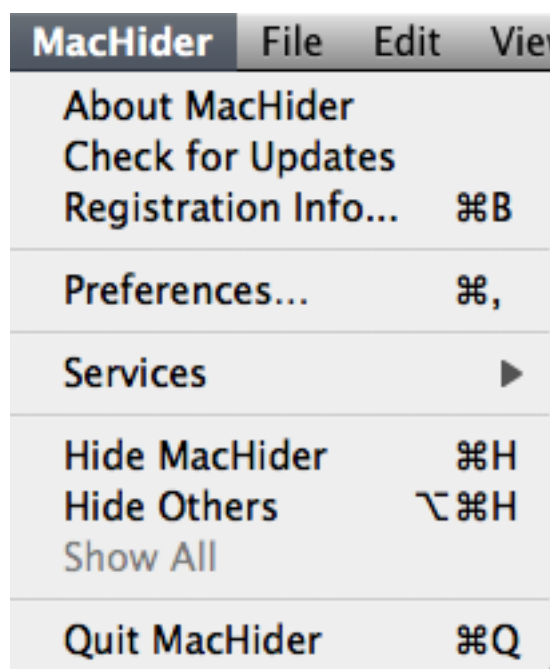
## The Menu

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Please find a description of all MacHider menu items below:



### MacHider

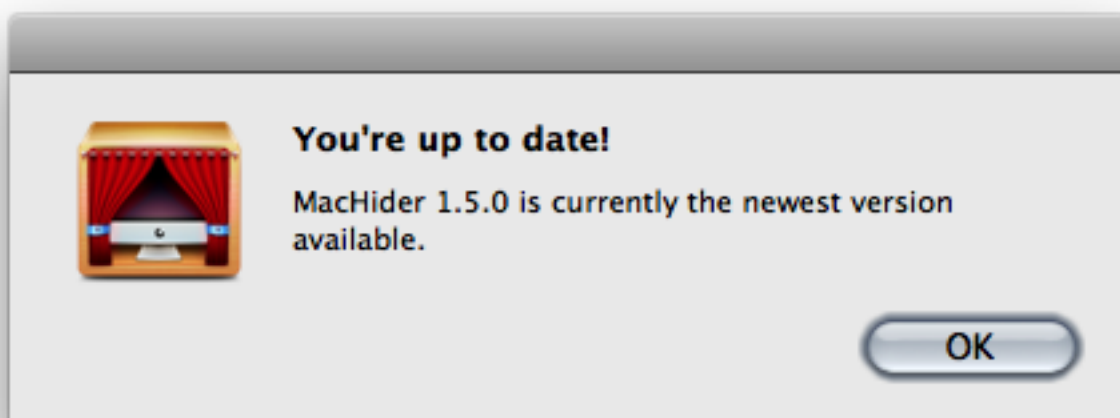


The MacHider menu provides you with the options to find all the major info about the app.

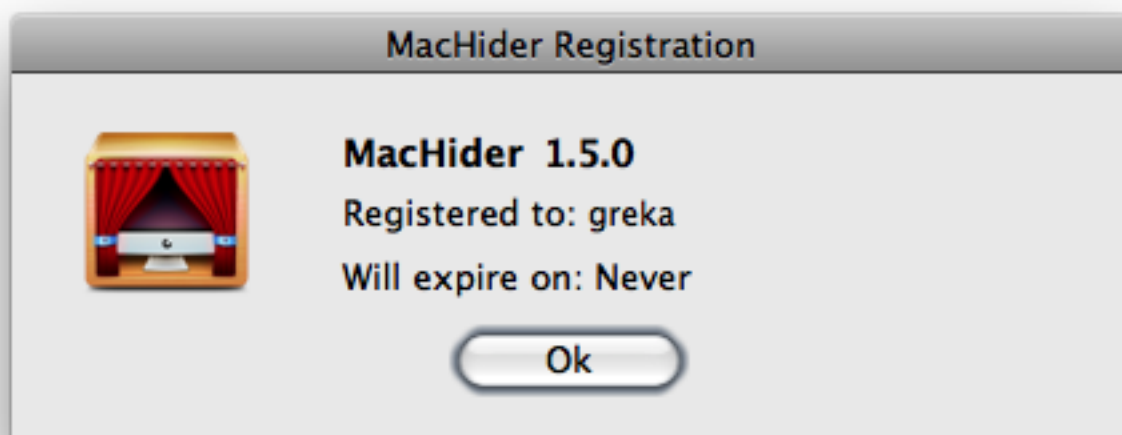
Click '**About MacHider**' to check your version:



Click '**Check for Updates**' to make sure you have the latest revision of the application:



Click '**Registration Info...**' in the main MacHider menu to see a window with the information about your license and the version of MacHider you currently have:



## **File**

You will be able to add new files, show MacHider or close it using this menu.

## **Edit**

Find all the standard editing option under this menu.

## **View**

You can customize the way the main toolbar of MacHider looks using this menu.

## **Tools**

You can quickly access the Restore Files feature from the Tools menu and find a very handy option that will allow you to Hide or Unhide all your AutoHide groups using a single click [here](#).

## **Window**

Pretty standard: zoom, minimize or bring to front the active MacHider windows.

## **Help**

Quickly access any of the available MacHider aids.



# FAQs



## Frequently Asked Questions

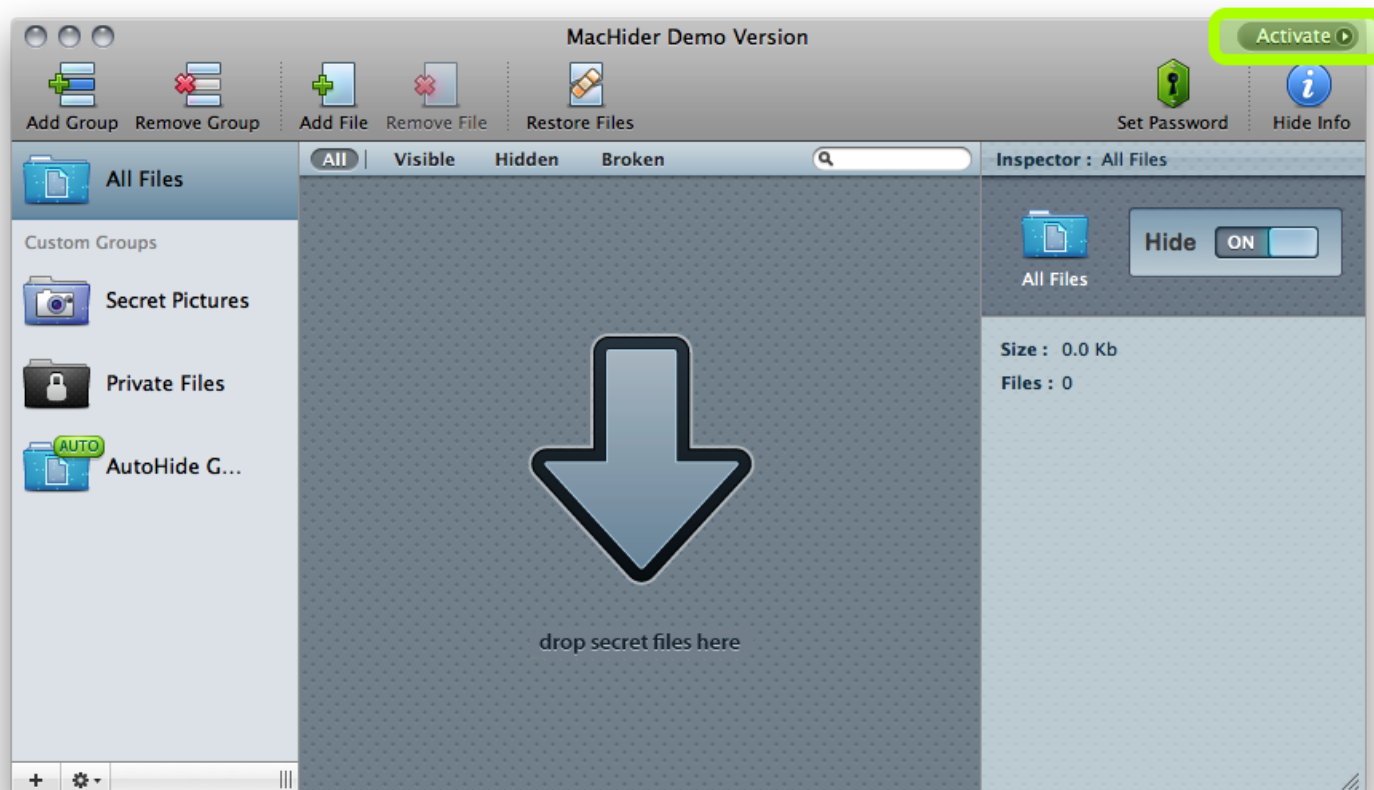
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Remember that if you have any doubts you can always contact our [Customer Support](#).

### 1. How do I activate MacHider?

If you still haven't downloaded MacHider please [click here](#), or visit our [Web-site](#) and click on Download.

Please follow the steps below to activate the application:



- Click the 'Activate' button in the right upper corner of MacHider.
- Click 'Enter Activation Number' in the dialog that appears.
- Paste your Activation Number into the activation field including all the letters of it at the beginning and in the end. Be careful to not paste any blank spaces.

The application will be activated automatically as soon as a correct number is in the activation field.



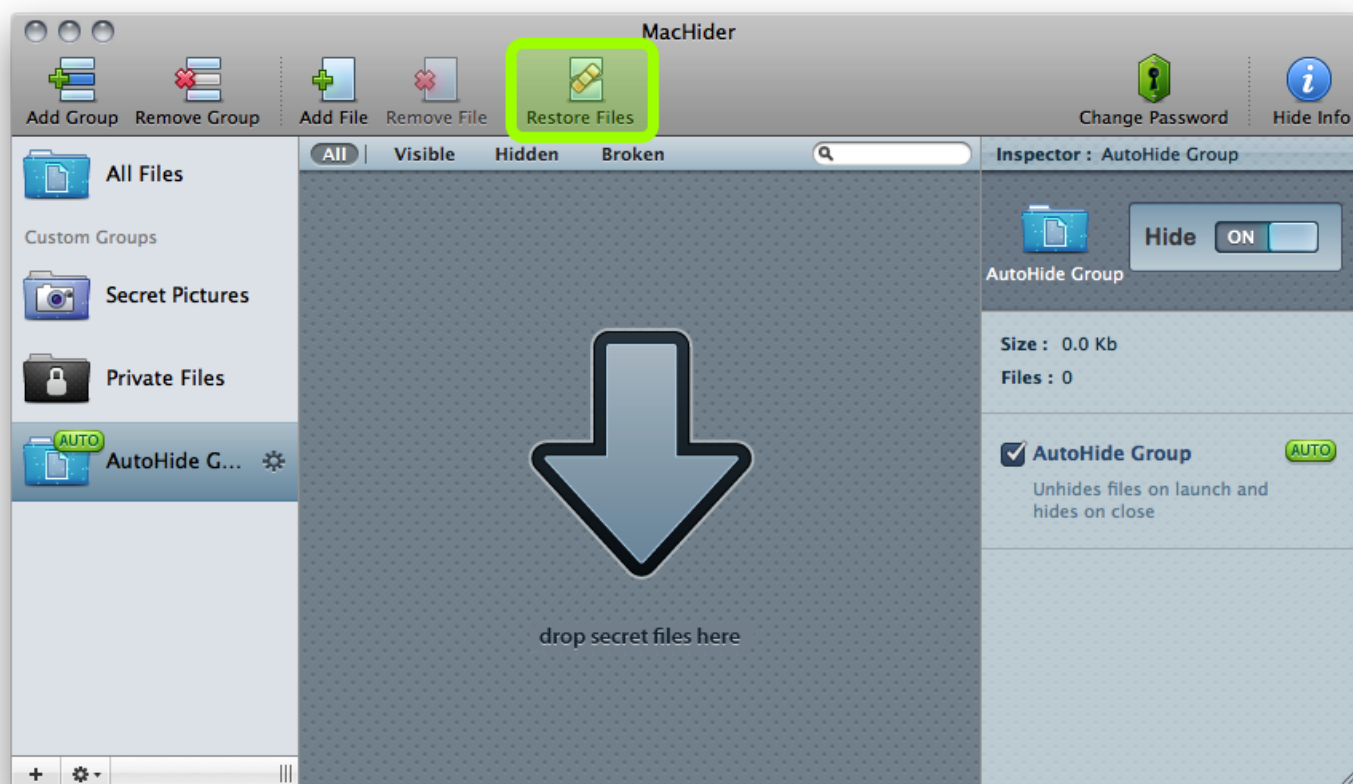
## 2. I've reinstalled MacHider and now the activation number won't work. What should I do?

After your first installation you should've received an e-mail with your offline Permanent Activation Number.

Use this number to re-activate the application under your user account anytime you need.

However, the Permanent Number is tied to the short username of your account and if you change it, you won't be able to activate using the same number anymore. In such cases, or if you bought a new Mac and would like to transfer your license, please contact our [Customer Support](#).

## 3. I need to recover some files that were corrupted or dissapeared from MacHider. How do I need to do?



Here is what you need to recover the files:

a) Click the 'Restore Files' button in the main toolbar.





- b) Select the folder where the hidden file was originally located and click Open in the dialog that appears.
- c) The file will be found and shown in the main list so that you could unhide it using the slider in the Inspector pane.