
lawwenda - User Interface Quickstart Guide

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FIRST STEPS

This application allows browsing a file share. It works a bit like your local file manager. It lists the content of a particular directory (usually starting from its root directory). You can see some details about files, open files, navigate to subdirectories, and more.

The main view is assembled by the following parts:

- **The header bar.** There are two interesting things going on in the header bar:
 - **The ‘breadcrumbs’.** It displays the path of the current directory, with each segment clickable for navigating to it. So this is the way to go ‘back’ to the parent directory or even higher superdirectories.
 - **The main menu.** There is also the main menu button on the right hand side. The main menu provides all kinds of global actions, i.e. actions that are not related to your current file selection.
- **The file list.** The main part of the page lists all files and subdirectories in the current directory.
- **The actions and details panel.** Whenever one or more files are selected in the file list, there is a panel that offers actions on them and shows some detail informations about them.

FILE LIST

Select a file for inspecting details about it in the ‘Actions and details panel’ or for executing some action on it, like opening it. Navigate to subdirectories by opening them.

Selecting more than one item is possible by clicking on the left part of a row, i.e. where the icon is.

The main menu offers control about the sort order and a few other file list aspects.

ACTIONS AND DETAILS PANEL

The position of this panel depends on the browser window size. It allows things like opening the selected file, but also more in some situations. It shows some detail information about the file, like its modification time, tags, comments, and more.

For some types of files it will also try to provide a preview. This preview can be enlarged and used for slide shows as well.

SEARCH

The main menu offers 'Search' functionalities of various kinds. It will search for files in your current directory (usually including all subdirectories) that match your search query.

The search will automatically happen in background, automatically refreshed while you specify your query. Close the search afterwards in order to get back the usual file list for the current directory.

The file list will not show only the items of the current directory when presenting search results. Instead, it will collect results from all subdirectories as well and merge that together in one line.

KEYBOARD USAGE

Basic usage is possible via keyboard. This includes navigation by arrow keys and some action shortcuts that can be found in their mouse tooltips.

CONNECT YOUR NATIVE FILE MANAGER VIA WEBDAV

All modern file managers should support connecting to this file share as well, using the [WebDAV standard](#). Just try to navigate to the same file share address with the file manager instead.

In some file managers, the address must start with *webdavs://* or *davs://* instead of *https://*.

Note: Although WebDAV access is a very comfortable alternative to the browser interface in some cases, it does not provide all features. It will probably not show you some file details like tags or comments, file searches will probably have a different behavior, and maybe other things as well.
