

A promotional banner for Newshosting. On the left is the Newshosting logo, a blue diamond shape with the word 'NEWSHOSTING' in white. In the center is a woman with dark hair and red lipstick, wearing a headset. To the right of the woman, the text 'LIFETIME DISCOUNT' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that, 'FREE NEWSHOSTING USENET BROWSER' is written in smaller white letters. On the far right, a yellow box contains the text '44% OFF HERE →' in black. Below the yellow box, in smaller white text, it says '\$9.99/mo or \$99.99/yr'.

(Click the pic to save 44% on new sign-ups)

<http://www.newshosting.com>

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NEWSHOSTING: BEST of the BEST USENET PACKAGE

I am pleased to offer a tutorial for Newshosting's new Newsreader.

It is available **free** all new customers.

I have been a Usenet user for many years, way back when I was running a BBS and had to get all my files from the old uuencoded method (Thank god we don't have to do that anymore). Since those days it has become easier with a number of commercial and free newsreaders available to make the process simpler.

I've honestly got to say "***I'm impressed!***" with this newsreader. Its ease of use is defiantly what Newshosting had in mind, from a simple install, to the fast programming of its searching functions.

Keep in mind this client is purely for downloading files, it is not for posting articles. **As a customer you can also still use any newsreader if you want**, but I'm more interested in getting the files/programs I want than chatting in text based newsgroups ☺

It comes in many flavours, from windows 32/64bit, MacOS, and Linux. And the best thing of all it is **free** to use while you are an active subscriber to Newshosting (More about Newshosting later in this tutorial).


This tutorial will be based on the windows 64 bit version, but I understand the other OS systems are similar.

Majority of new visitors I get to OZuset.net are first time Usenet customers. So many of you wonder why even bother with Usenet as you can get what you want via P2P (torrents).

Usenet offers the same things you can find on p2p but without having to worry about seeding (No more uploading!). Plus, with the right Usenet plans, download speeds as fast as your broadband connection, and with secure (SSL)128 byte encryption. No-one will know what you are downloading. You simply cannot get that security with p2p (Torrents)!

Your only limits will be your ISP quota, as this Newshosting plan is "UNLIMITED". Another good reason to use Usenet rather than P2P if your ISP counts uploads.

First thing you will need to do is to sign-up with Newshosting. If you click the banner, or use a link from www.ozuset.net you can save a **massive 44%** on the sign-up. This will also help pay for our hosting bills, while at the same time save you heaps of money. I do not advertise Usenet providers just on the hope of someone using one of our links like all these other websites. I always look for the most cost effective plans out there; after all, I have to use them too!

They accept  and NO lock in contracts, cancel anytime. Once signed up you will be guaranteed the special price for as long as your account remains active.

Once registered login to your account at Newshosting.com. You will then see a link to download the client (Bottom right). Click, then just choose your version.



Download the Newshosting Newsgroup Reader

Start using the Newshosting Newsgroup reader today.

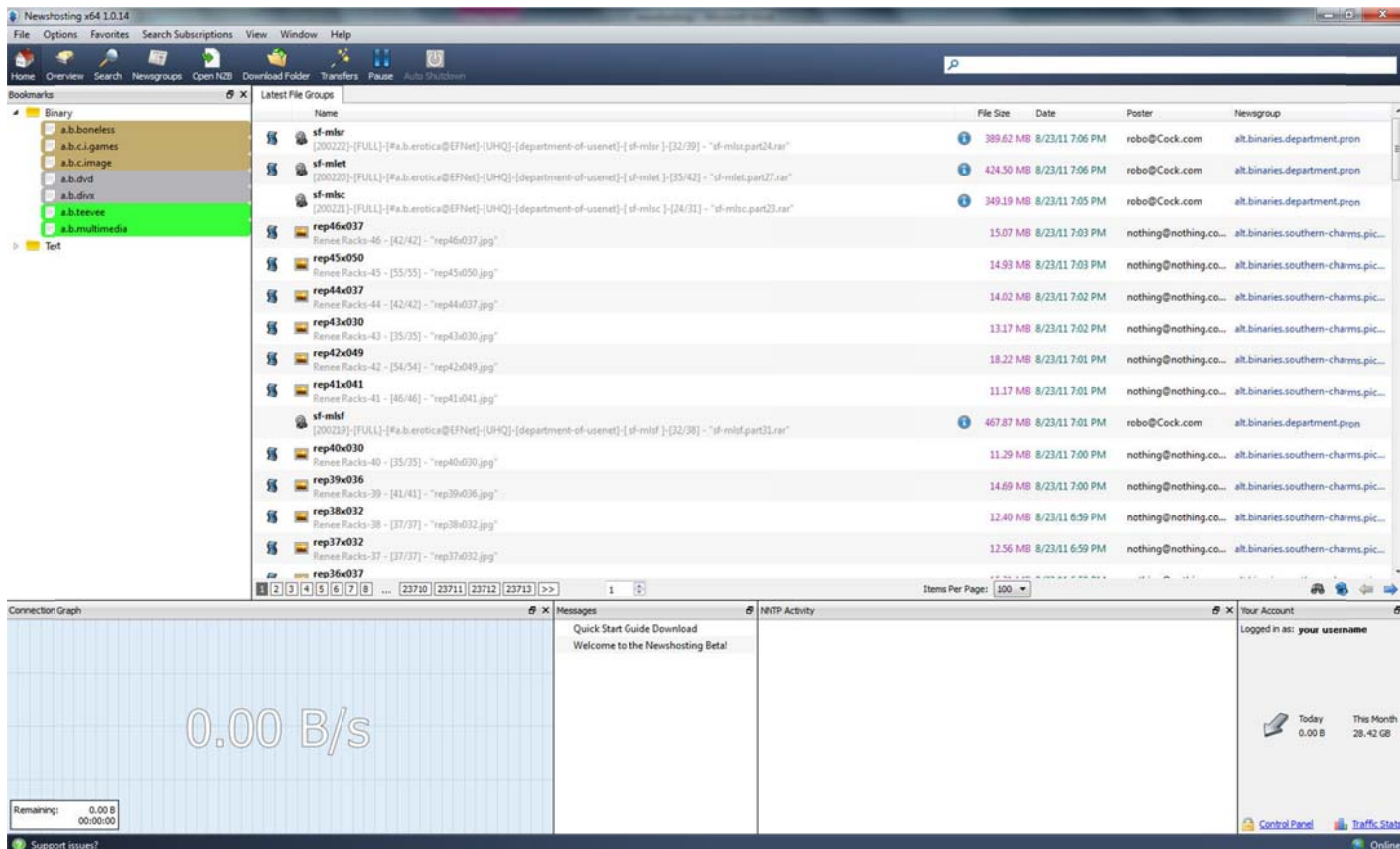
Your account details will have been emailed to you, so make sure you allow all communication from Newshosting in your email spam settings.

Run and install to either the default directory or choose your own.



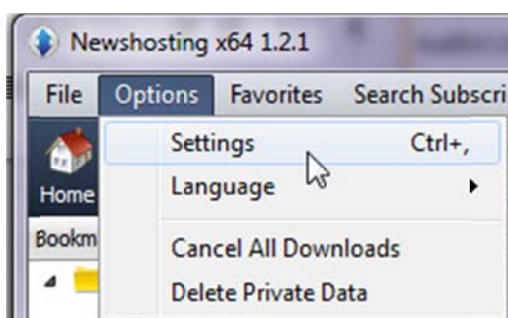
Now just double-click the new desktop icon

You will then be presented with the main screen (Yours will differ slightly as I made a couple of changes from the original install – The left Bookmark pane, explained further in this tutorial).



The first thing we will do is check the settings. I will only make reference to the main ones and will leave you with the further tweaking at your own leisure.

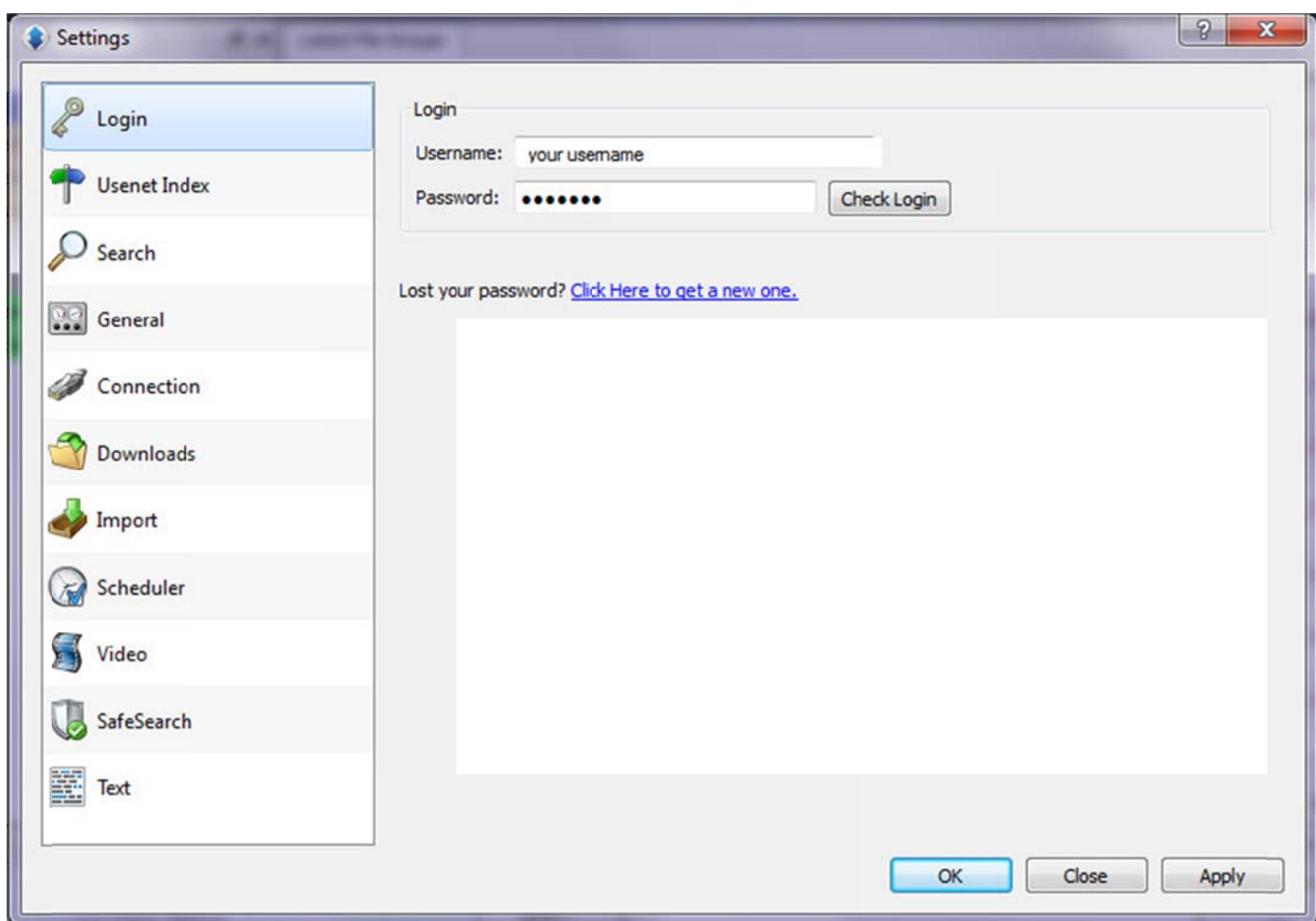
(You will notice the version number, this may differ to yours as it is progressing beta and will auto update if a new version is available when you log in).



LOGIN SETTINGS

The 'Login' menu is pretty straight forward and should contain your login information. The email you have been sent from Newshosting will confirm those details.

If it is wrong make the correct changes and click '**APPLY**'.



CONNECTION SETTINGS

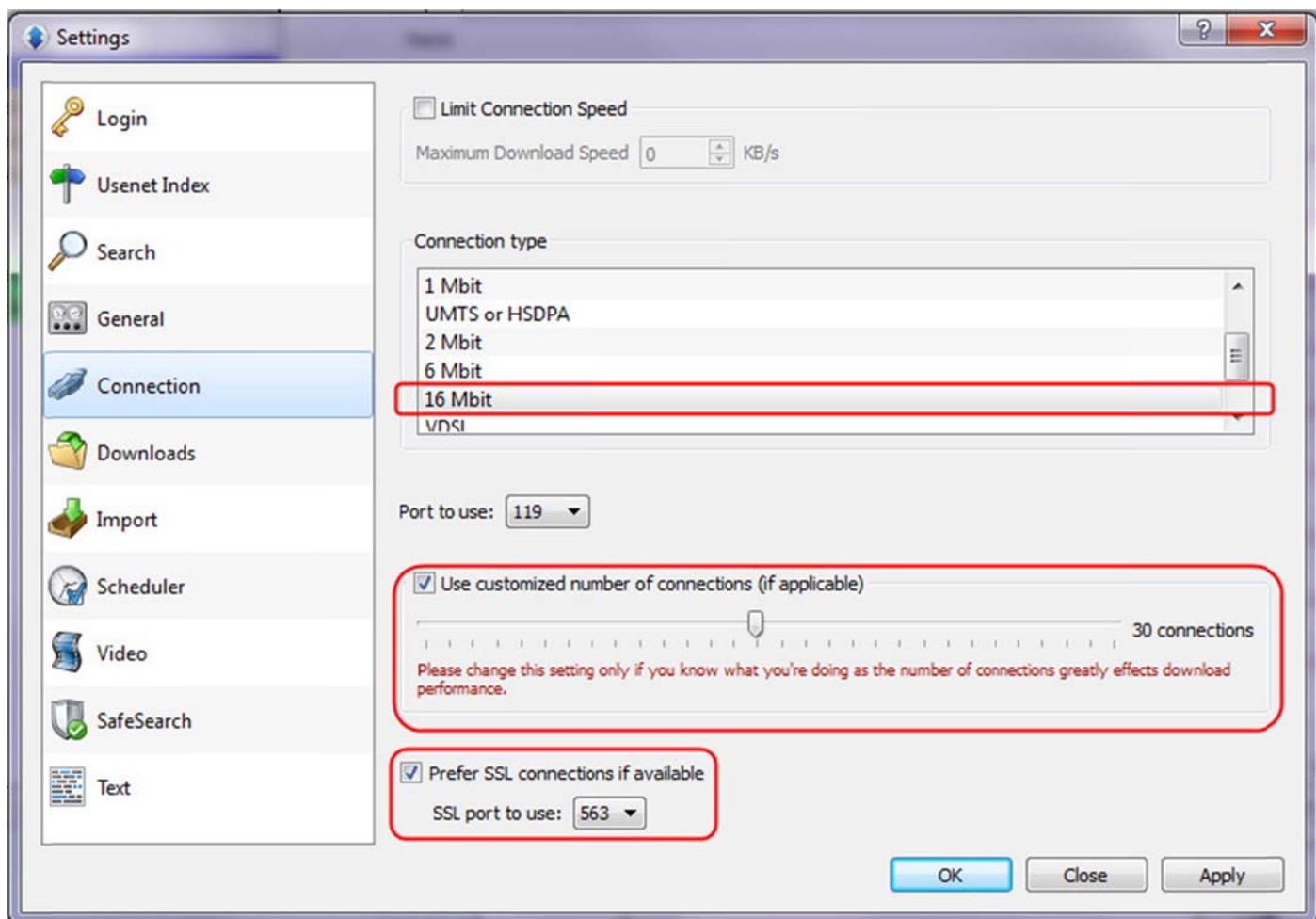
Now we can skip straight to 'Connection'.

Choose your maximum downloadable speed (In my case 16 Mbit) and as you are allowed 30 connections you can manually adjust that. I recommend you choose the 'LEAST' possible to achieve your maximum download speed to avoid un-necessary overheads (The 44% saving sign-up set's a maximum of 30 connections and that should suit the majority of us)

Choose 'Prefer SSL connections if available' with SSL port to use 563 (More info on SSL later in this tutorial).

There is no need to set news server details with this program.

Click '**APPLY**'



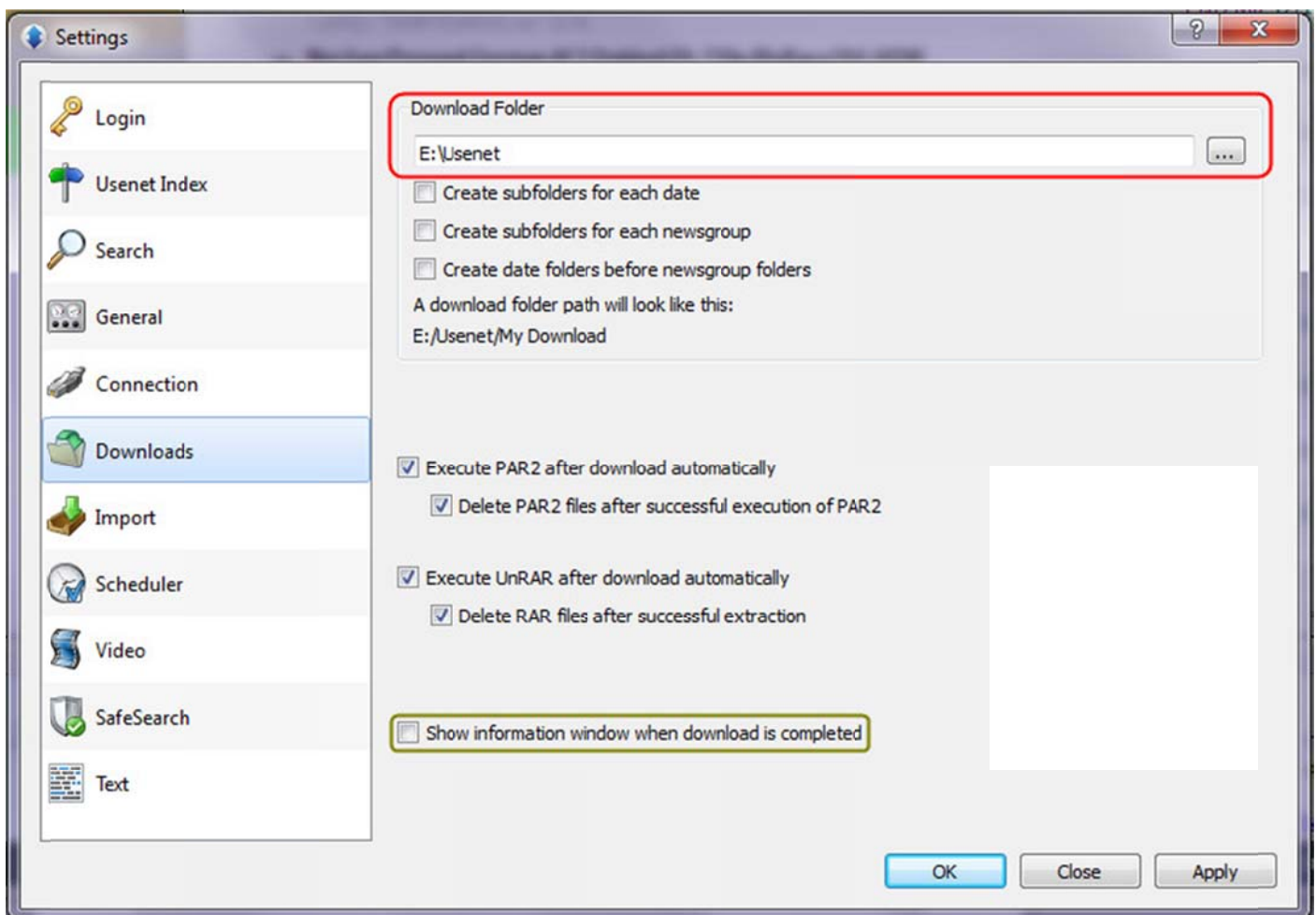
DOWNLOAD SETTINGS

Now we set our download folder. I suggest you choose a drive with plenty of room and don't use a SSD drive if you have one of those (Cut down those read/writes).

It's totally up to you if you want to set the subfolders by ticking the appropriate one.

In the shown green rectangle that option is enabled. I personally don't need to see it but I am just mentioning it in case later you are wondering how to turn it off.

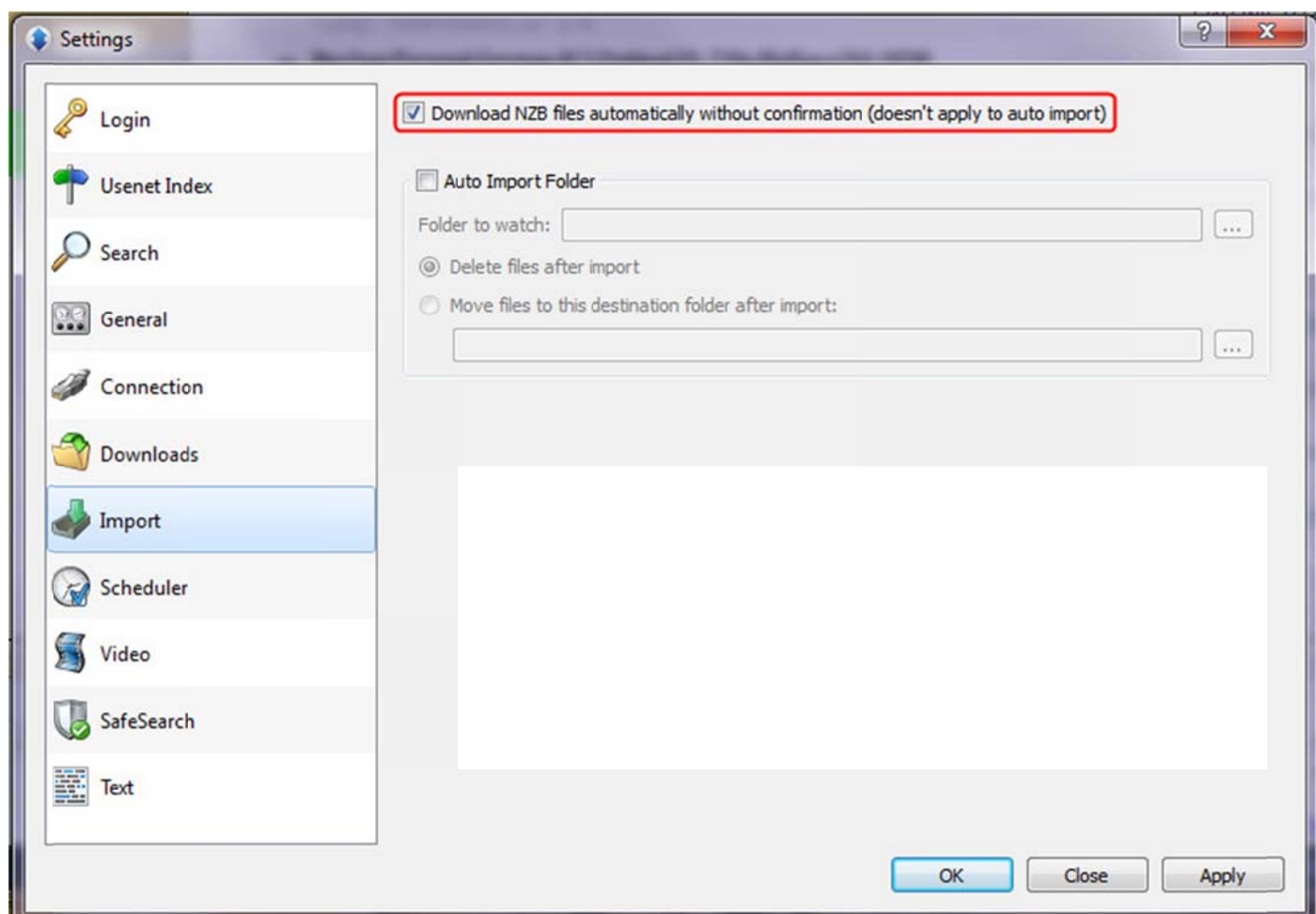
Click '**APPLY**'.



IMPORT SETTINGS

I personally don't use this ability. Basically when the program boots it will auto look in this directory for any .NZB files and import then to download.

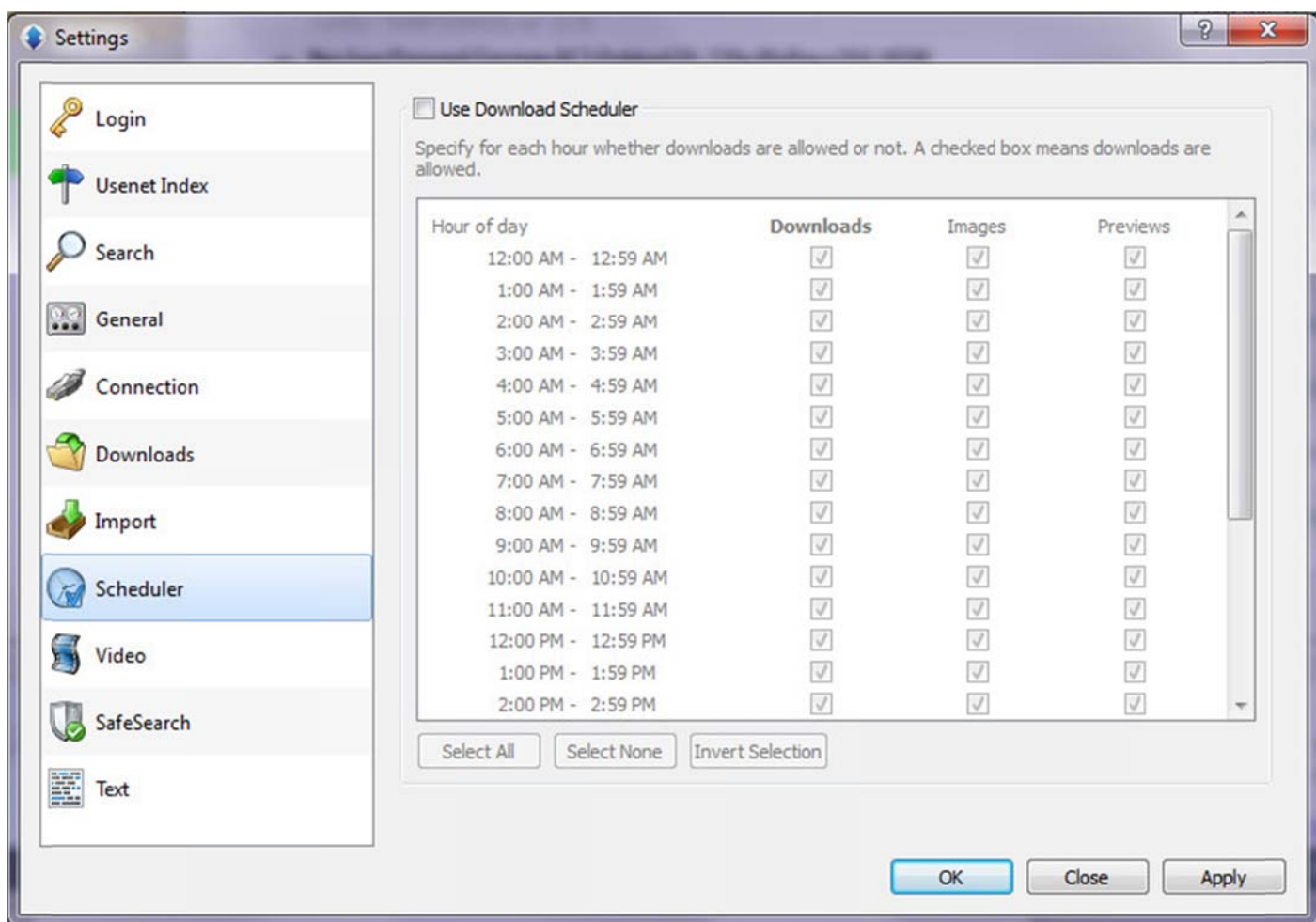
I do though prefer that when I do import .NZB files in, whether via an indexing site or manually, that I don't get a confirmation box. So that for me is enabled.



SCHEDULER SETTINGS

Some of you may be with an ISP that offers peak/off peak quota. So here you can set the times that the client will only be allowed to download.

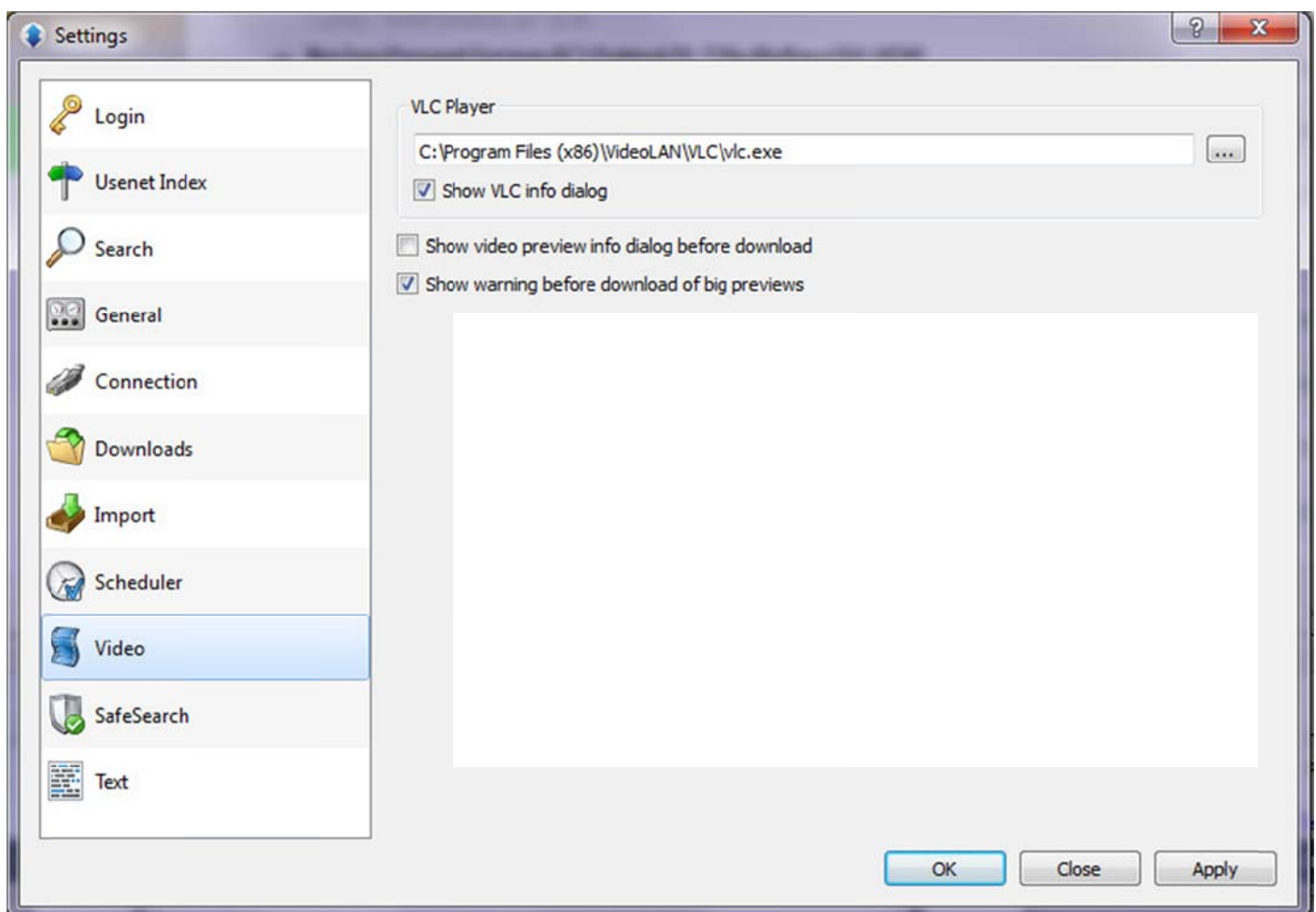
I'm personally with an ISP that has a set quota per month regardless of the time of the day it is used. So I have nothing set here.



VIDEO SETTINGS

I'm mentioning the 'Video' menu simply because VLC is a free video player and well worth using over other apps like Windows Media Player. So check vlc.org for your copy.

I don't use this option 'Video previewing' myself. But congratulate Newshosting by making it available in their free client.

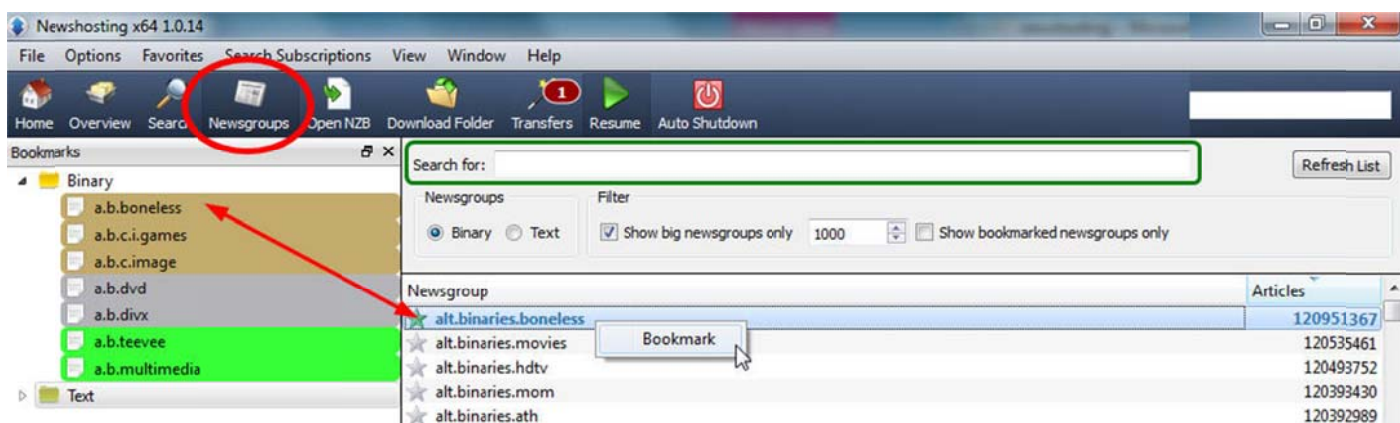


Ok, that is all that we need to look at for the setup tweaks to get your going as quickly as possible... How easy was that? 😊

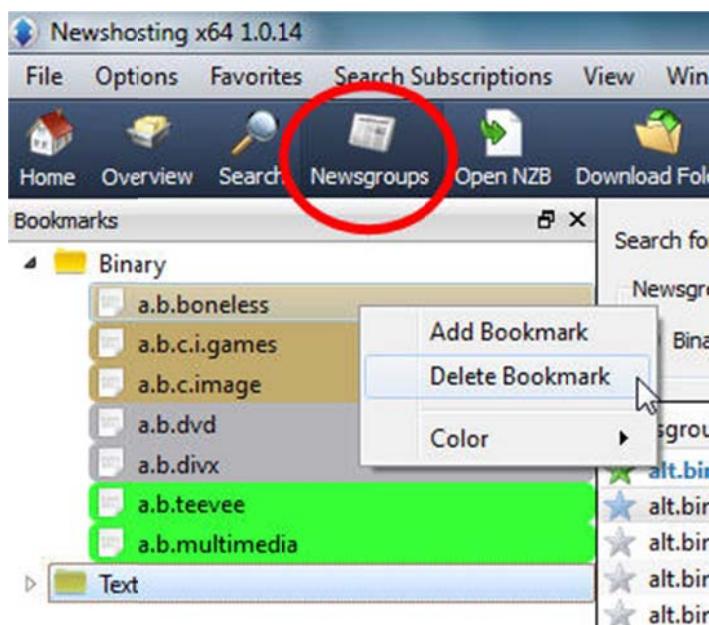
You can now fiddle at your own leisure.

Now you may want to adjust the newsgroups in your bookmarks menu on the left pane. I've basically chosen the most popular newsgroups that contain the most posts.

Select the 'Newsgroup' menu and you will see what is available. Here you can search for a particular newsgroup. Once found, right-click to add it to the Bookmark menu on the left pane. The green star will appear once you have chosen the newsgroup (Currently only during a reboot).

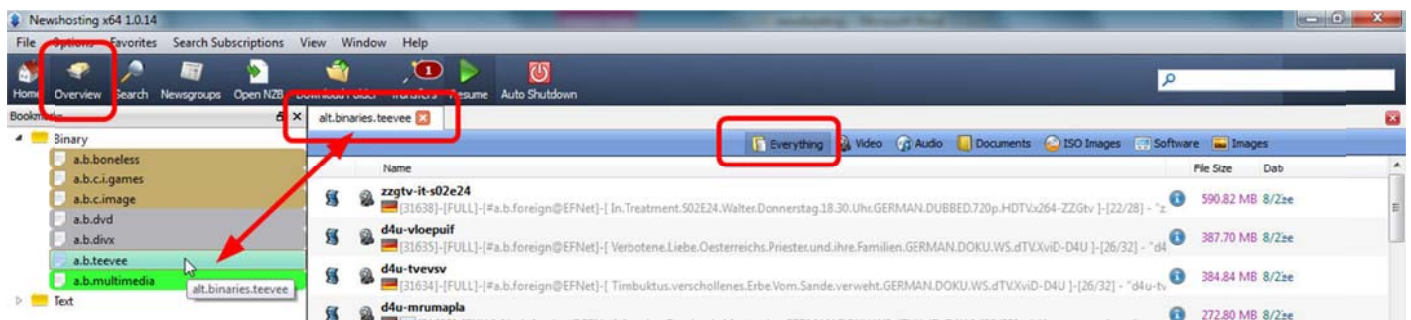


In the Bookmark pane you can Add, Delete, or even change the colour with a right-click on the chosen newsgroup.

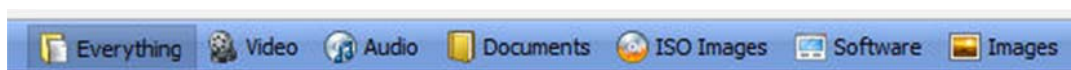


You will notice if you left click on one of those newsgroups you have chosen you will then jump to the 'Overview' menu.

As an example, I've picked alt.binaries.teevee so that now has been added the 'Overview' menu with its very own folder (More on with the searching ability later).



It has defaulted to show everything, but you have other choices as shown below...



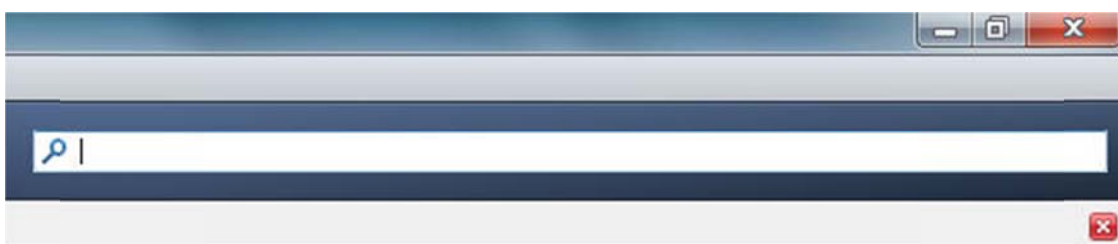
Adding tab menu's is a quick way to switch between newsgroup for searching. Keeping in mind many files can appear in multiple newsgroups. E.G alt.binaries.teevee and alt.binaries.multimedia. Why have I selected both? Habit 😊

I would class alt.binaries.multimedia as the main newsgroup these days.

Now to search and download something 😊

The Newshosting client is certainly powerful to find your favourite thing. But for legal reasons I cannot actually mention a certain file, but will try and guide you through how to download.

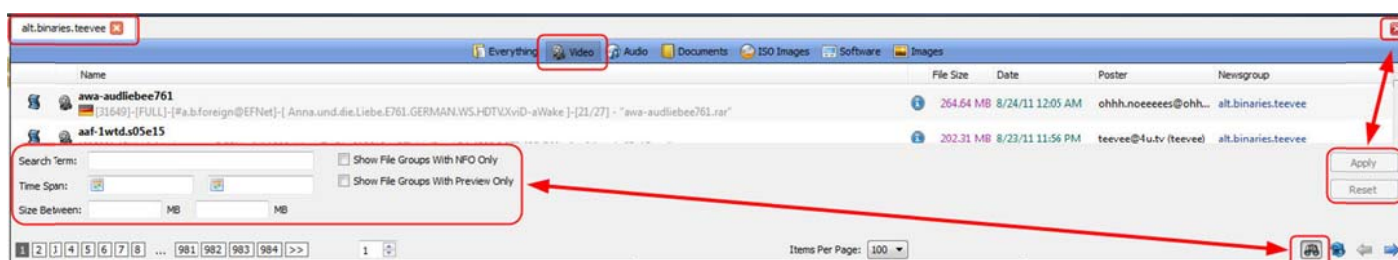
You can use the global search without even entering a particular newsgroup (Top right of screen).



But that could show numerous files that you don't really need to see.

So by entering a newsgroup as shown above you can cut down the choices.

Once in the newsgroup you can improve your search by choosing say 'Video' and enter your search string. Remembering the name can appear with added 'dots' in the word. E.G the.name (If 'the' is in the name, or name.name).



Then it is just a matter of picking the right file and size. A standard pick would be around 350MB to 420MB (Without the annoying bits that always interrupt your viewing). Or around 215MB if your TV media player supports X264 playback.

The file may also contain PARity files (More on that on page 11). The larger files of the same name would be HD. So if you have plenty of download quota that might suit you. Keeping in mind your Newshosting account that you signed up to via <http://www.ozuset.net/info> is **unlimited**. It is only your ISP quota limiting you now! 😊

PARity FILES

PARity files are for repairing the archive of missing blocks. 99% of the time caused by the uploader or a Usenet provider with bad 'completion' rates.

The key to figuring these guys out is right before the very end they indicate how many blocks they can repair. The number after the +plus sign indicates the number of blocks that PAR2 file can rebuild. PAR2 sets usually start at 1 block and then slowly progress to what the block size is for a full file of the archive. In this example 19 blocks would be the block size of a full file in the archive. So, if it needs 20 more blocks to complete the archive, it will repair the archive, and delete the rest.

So if you only have a file with a 95% completion rate and you have PARity files you still might be o.k (Newshosting boasts over a 99% completion rate).

The good news is the Newshosting client will handle these files automatically. I have also written a tutorial on PARity files available at ozuset.net/info that may be a benefit of a read in case you do grab a file one day that has issues that are beyond Newshosting's control.

(Image has been cropped to fit on page)

In the 'Transfer' menu you can click on the filename to then show all parts.

Description	Parts	Size	Remaining Time	Progress
HDTV XviD FQM	29	400.23 MB	?	0.0%

File	Parts	Size	Progress
warehouse13.s03e07.hdtv.xvid-fqm.r09	53	19.70 MB	
warehouse13.s03e07.hdtv.xvid-fqm.srr	1	13.35 KB	
warehouse13.s03e07.hdtv.xvid-fqm.vol00+01.par2	3	791.29 KB	
warehouse13.s03e07.hdtv.xvid-fqm.vol01+02.par2	5	1.55 MB	
warehouse13.s03e07.hdtv.xvid-fqm.vol03+04.par2	9	3.07 MB	
warehouse13.s03e07.hdtv.xvid-fqm.vol07+08.par2	17	6.12 MB	
warehouse13.s03e07.hdtv.xvid-fqm.vol15+16.par2	33	12.19 MB	
warehouse13.s03e07.hdtv.xvid-fqm.vol31+19.par2	39	14.46 MB	

PARity Files

So why are there multiple files to download? Simply put, in order to add binary files to a newsgroup they have to be added to a text thread, usually with a limit size of 20MB. So depending on the file size it could mean multiple attachments. Luckily for us the client handles all this automatically knowing which ones to grab.

Now you may remember earlier in the options/download I ticked 'Download NZB files automatically without confirmation'. This helps with NZB files.

NewZBin is a file type (filename.nzb) created by the Usenet indexing site <http://www.newzbin2.es> and now used globally.

Indexing sites are a way to find files easier. They are then sub-divided into their own categories such as DVD, PC app etc. Similar to the way binary newsgroups are divided but more precise.

You will find more information about Newzbin in my online tutorial.

Recommended Indexing Sites:

<http://www.ngindex.com/> (Subscription based, alternate to Newzbin, bit dear)
<https://www.nzbmatrix.com/> (**Recommended:** Donation based, cheap and very good)
<https://www.newzbin2.es/> (**Recommended:** Donation based, cheap and very good)

Recommended Search Sites:

(You will find Newshosting client is more useful, but offering for fyi:)

<https://www.newzleech.com/> (free)
<https://www.binsearch.info/> (free)
<https://www.nzbindex.com/> (free)

The difference between the two is a searching website requires you to enter your string on what you are looking for, when an indexing site already indexes the most sort after files into subgroups, such as pc apps, dvd, etc. Check out my Newzbin tutorial for more information on the subject :-)

ADDED SECURITY

One page 5 I talked about SSL encryption. It is important to understand while you might be using SSL in your downloading to prevent your ISP snooping on your downloads, unless you also use SSL in obtaining your NZB files then your ISP could still work out what you are downloading.

Personally, I use SSL on all downloads and search for my NZB files manually. That is, going to those NZB sites that allow SSL encryption. You can work out which ones they are as an 'S' will appear in the domain address.

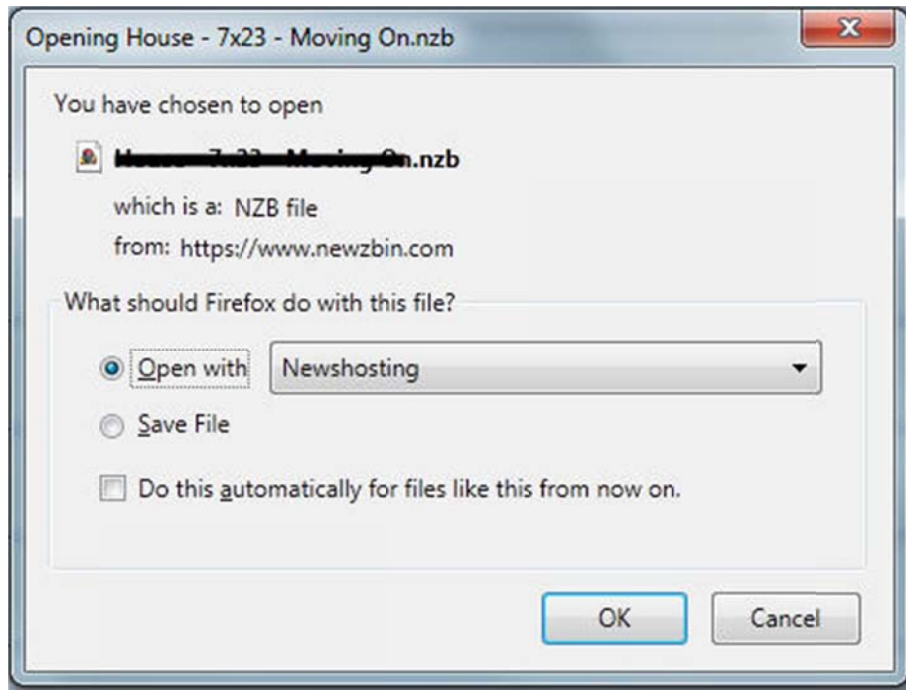
E.G

<https://nzbmatrix.com/index.php> (With SSL encryption)

<http://nzbmatrix.com/index.php> (Without SSL encryption)

The Newshosting search function is another confidential way to search for your file/s.

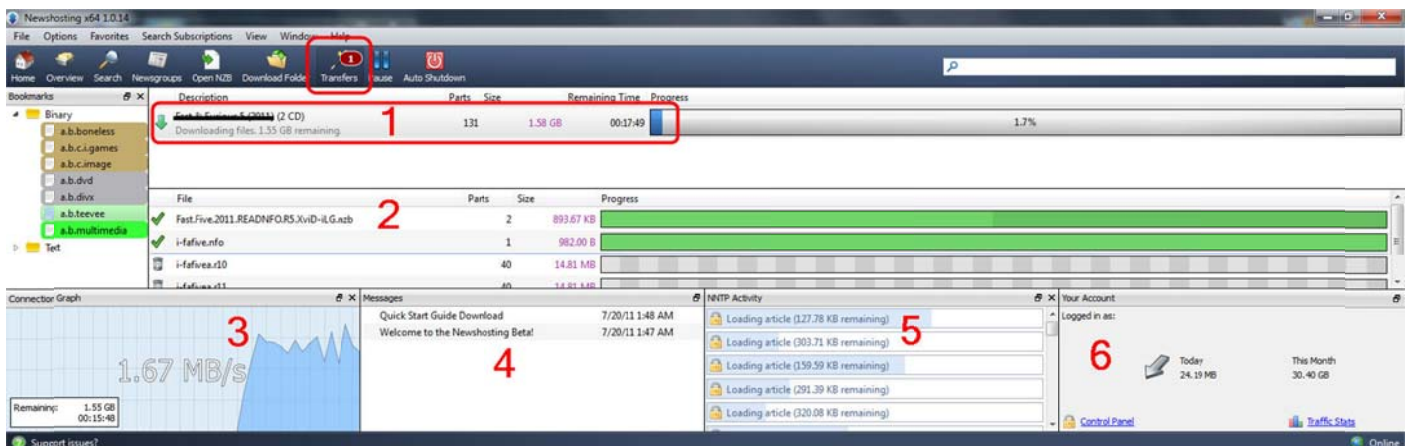
This is a picture of Windows 7 asking me which program I want to load the NZB file. So first time loading you will need to browse to the Newshosting directory and choose the Newshosting.exe file.



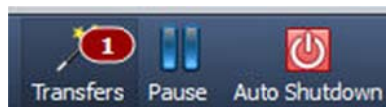
This is a typical picture of a download happening.

First we enter the 'Transfer' Menu. This also cleverly adds a number of how many files it is going to download.

1. That is showing the file, how many Parts, Size, and time left.
2. This is connected to 1. Except showing the individual parts.
3. The speed of the download (R.E page 5, Options/Downloads)
4. Current messages from Newshosting.
5. NNTP Activity. Notice the Padlock? That is showing secure SSL download.
6. Here you can see your login name, with the ability to access your account directly, and even bring up a chart showing download usage for the month.



Before I download anything I generally click pause button. That way I am not using all my bandwidth while I am still searching for other things.



NOT DOWNLOADING?

If you have done everything that I have explained above, verbatim, and you are still **not** downloading then possible causes are...

1. Incorrect server settings such as, username/password, and/or port.
2. Firewall settings. (Allow Newshosting, Usenet ports I.E 119, 563)
3. Anti-virus programs similar to the free avast. NNTP scanning must be disabled (Go to On-access Scanner : Internet Mail : Customize : NNTP and **uncheck** "Scan inbound and outbound news checkboxes")
4. File/s are no longer on the Usenet sever. (Check retention!)
5. UN-PAUSE.. duh! ☺

R.E #2: Some ISP's block Usenet ports or limit the port speeds. So you may have to do a check and see what alternate ports you can use. The Newshosting client has the ability to select other ports in its Options/Download settings.

Personally, if my ISP limited my Usenet ports in any way I'd send them and email asking for them to stop it, or you will change providers.

You will find too, if they are limiting ports it's because they don't have enough bandwidth to supply all their customers at once. Seriously, find a better ISP!

WHY CHOOSE NEWSHOSTING?

Sometimes I get emails asking why choose one Usenet provider over the others?

Well first of all, no Usenet provider will appear on my website unless they are reliable and offer the best in value. Which is why unlike other Usenet sites you do not see ad after ad running along the top and bottom of the website. I reject those ad offers every couple of months. No point when you have found the right providers!

You may of have heard of Giganews? Which for years have been classed as the Rolls Royce of Usenet providers, and mind you, also with the monthly price tag to match. Well there literally is no point paying those prices when you can get the same quality with Newshosting... But a heck of allot cheaper!

Newshosting is one provider I am proud to be associated with. They are a tier 1 provider, so your speeds are going to be great. **Other major benefits include:**

- 1. Free download newsreader... It rocks! 😊**
- 2. Over 1,300+ days of retention and growing daily** (How long a file remains on the servers).
- 3. 99% completion rates** (So you know your files are going to be there!).
- 4. Unlimited Downloads** (Only limited by your own ISP quota).
- 5. Newshosting carries all the popular newsgroups, and stacks more** (With the ability to request a newsgroup if you can't find it).
- 6. I use them personally.**

Multiple Usenet industry awards.



So what are you waiting for? Remember, **NO** contracts! Try them from month to month and I'm 100% sure you will be as impressed as I am.

Don't forget if you want to **save 44%** to use our links in this tutorial, or a direct link at www.ozuset.net



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Well that's it for this tutorial. I will continually update it should the need arise.

If there is anything that I haven't made clear and you think should be added/changed then please let me know.

Hopefully, this tutorial should have you up and going very quickly without any hassles.

Feel free to let your friends know of ozuset.net.info and link us to any area's relating to Usenet help. 😊

You can contact me anytime at usenet+ozusenet.com

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Kind Regards,
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