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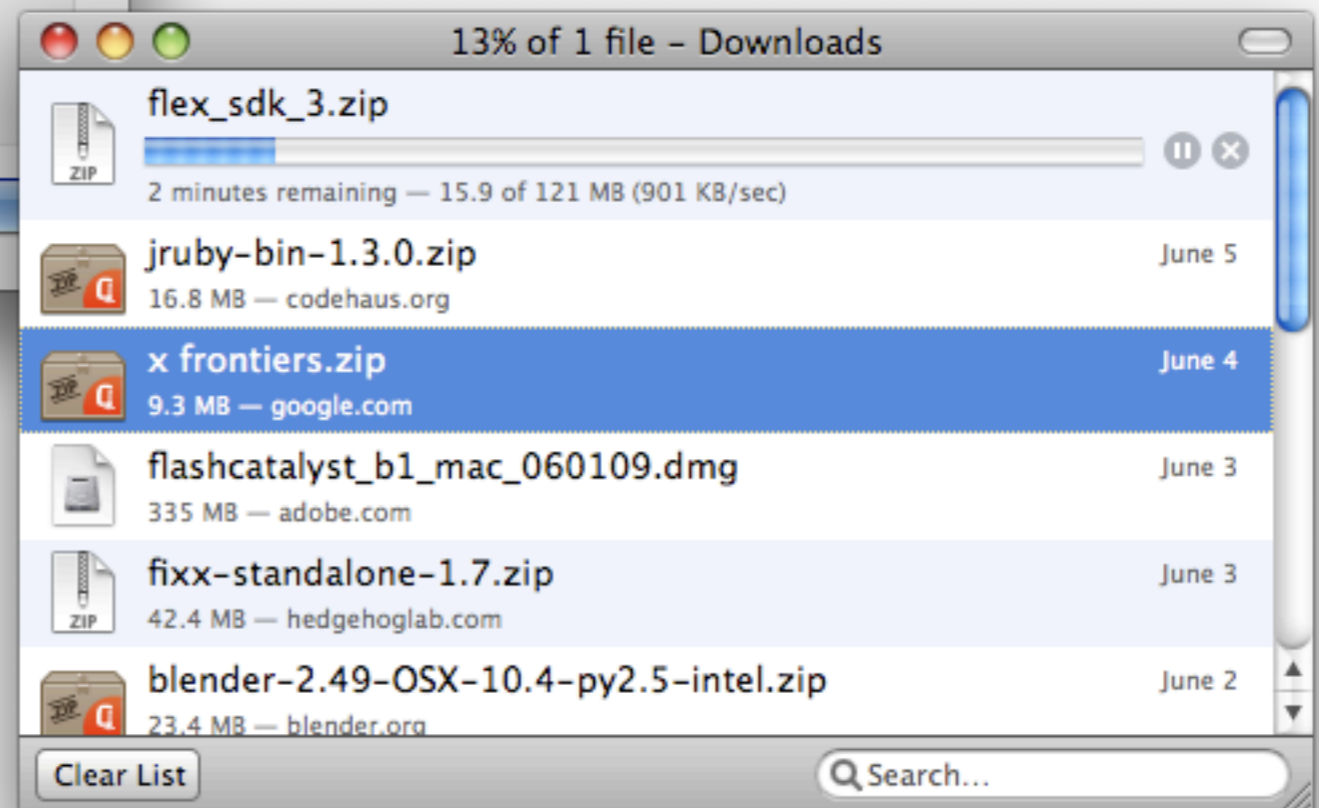
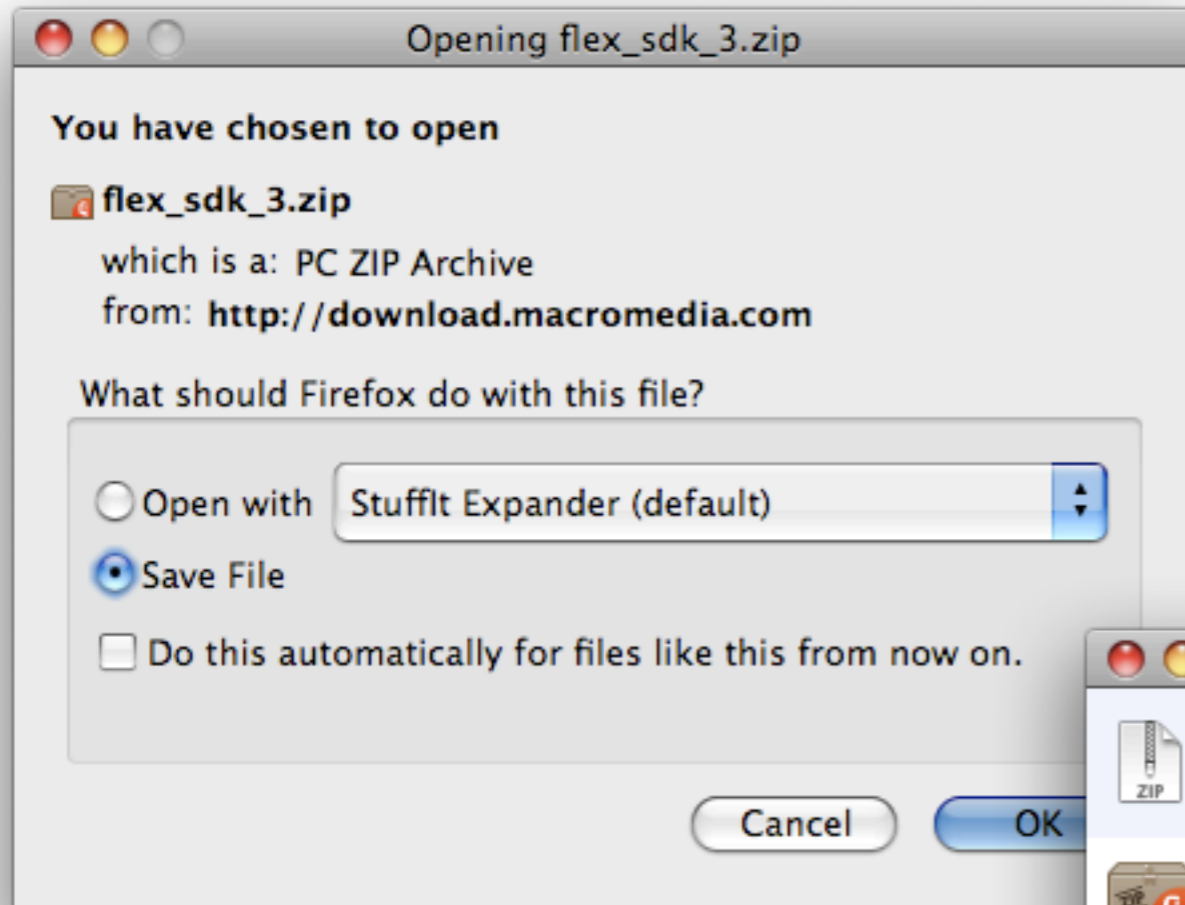
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As-is: version 3.0



Some key concept for the proposals brainstorming

Drag'n'drop

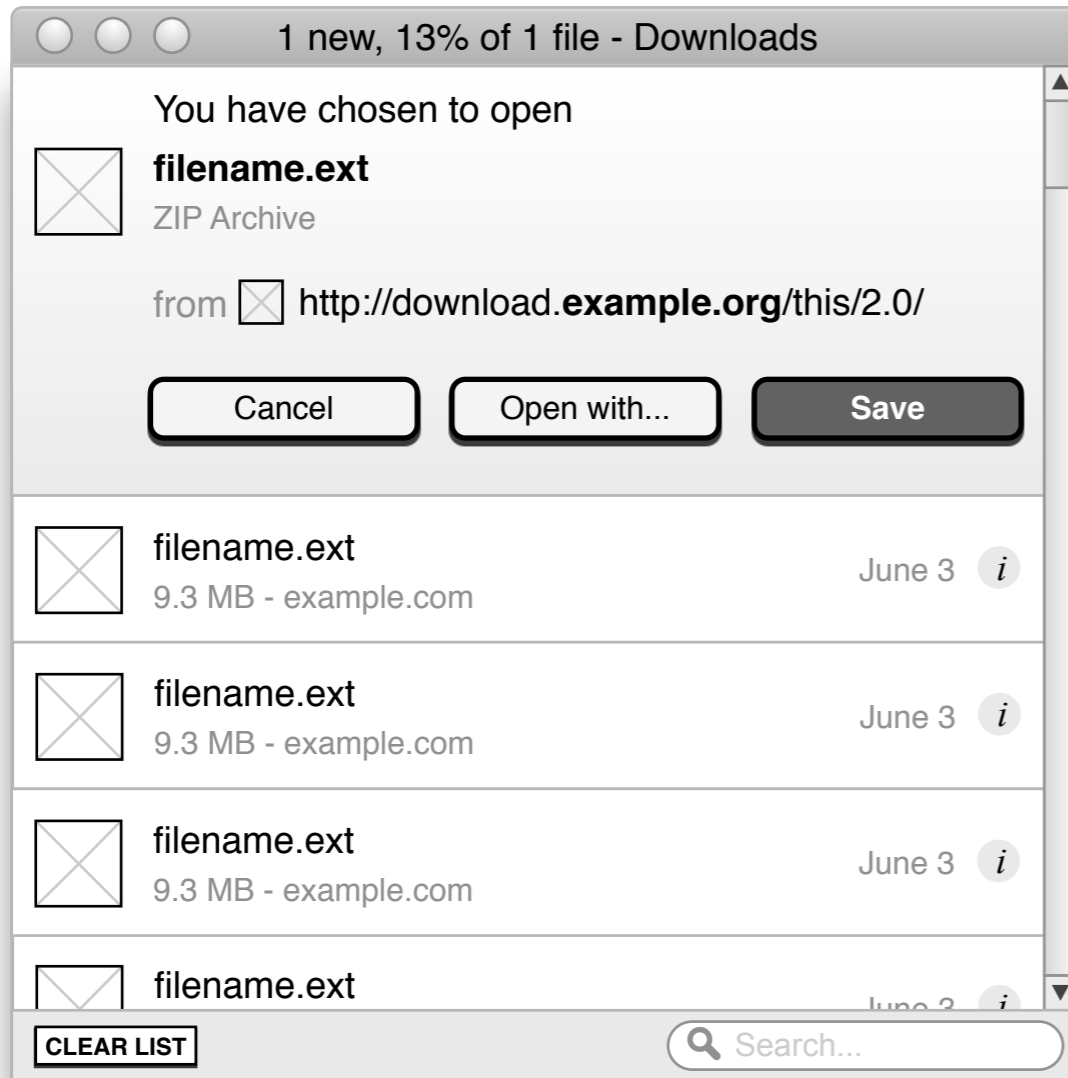
Transparent 'Download'
filesystem folder
(i.e. cache, mail)

Reduced UI
windows/interactions

'Download' concept made
transparent, think like 'Open'

Panoptic UI
approach

Proposal 1, unified: starting

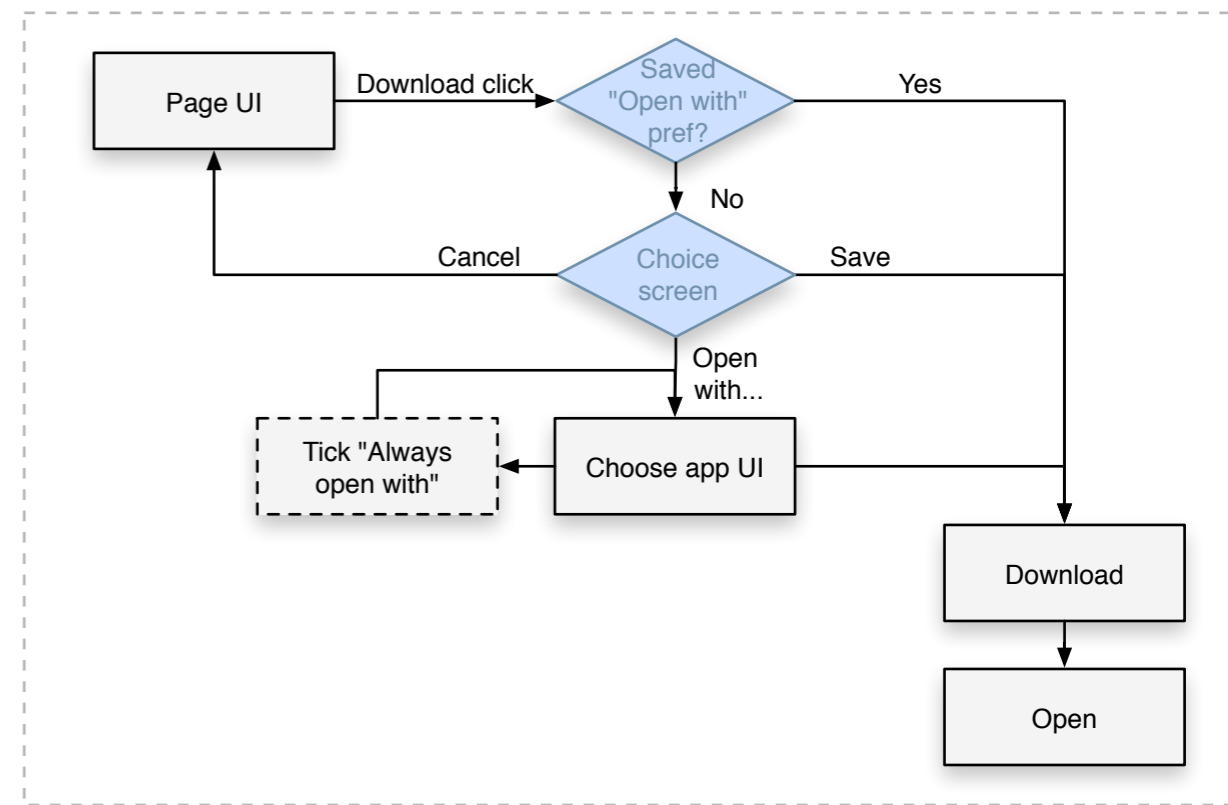


This bottom bar should be moved into the toolbar, default closed (like any Mac app, maybe cross-platform issues?)

- The favicon helps recognising the website (phishing?)
- The domain in bold helps noticing phishing attempts
- "Open with" is similar to the OS task to open files w/ a specific app

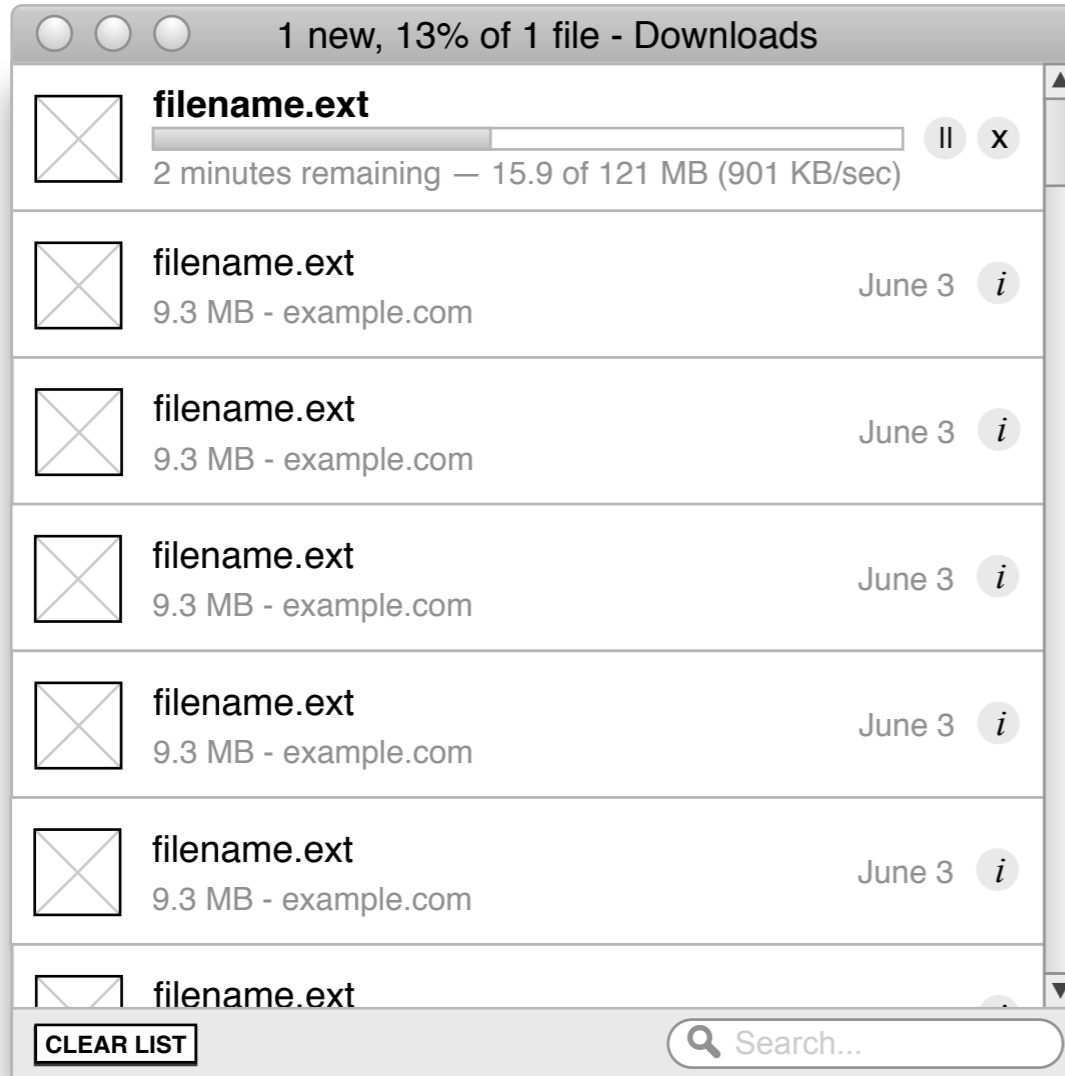
KEY POINTS

1. Unified window
2. Preserving the old experience



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Proposal 1, unified: downloading



Once downloading, the window is the same as version 3.0

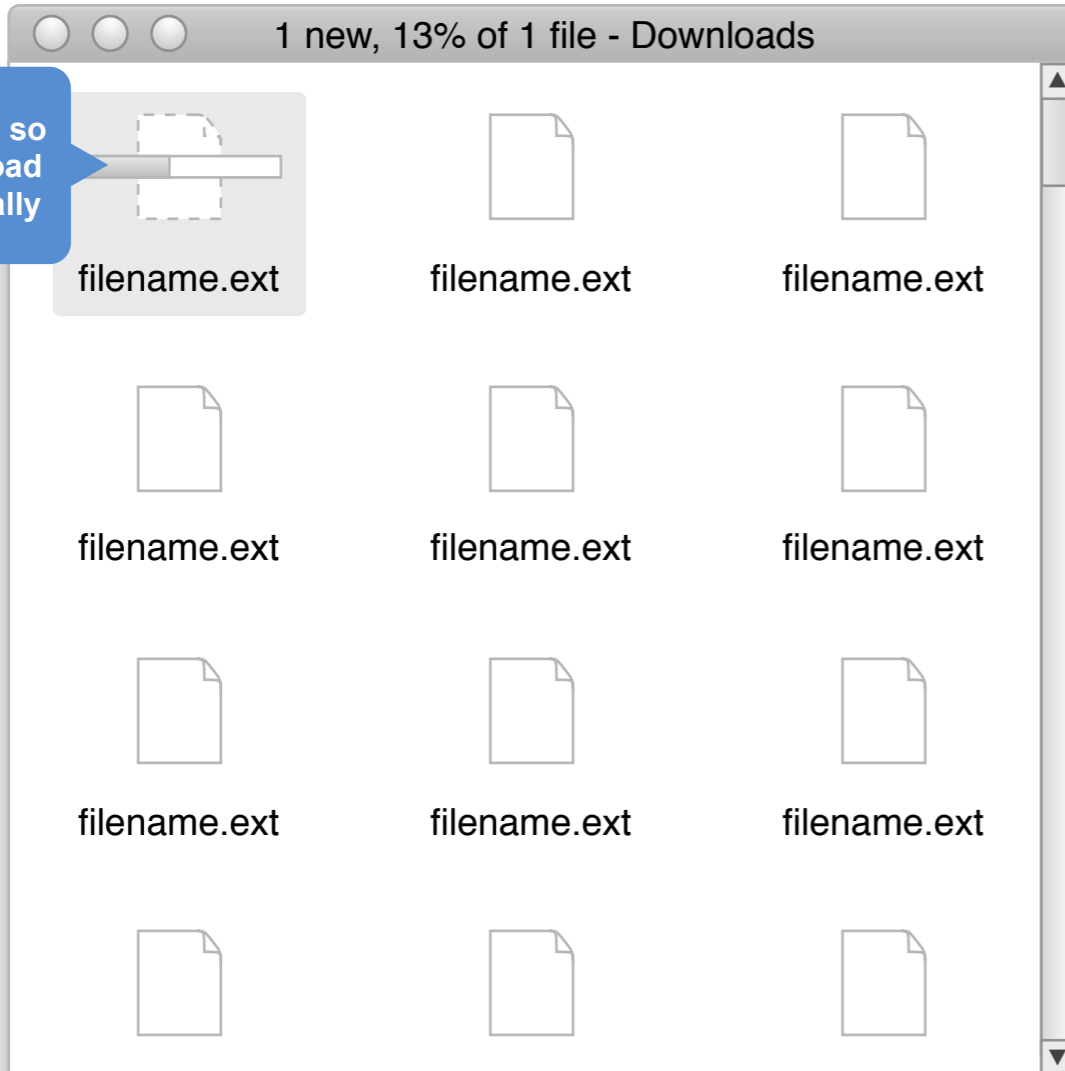
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Proposal 2, files: starting

It's a "filesystem" so the download automatically starts

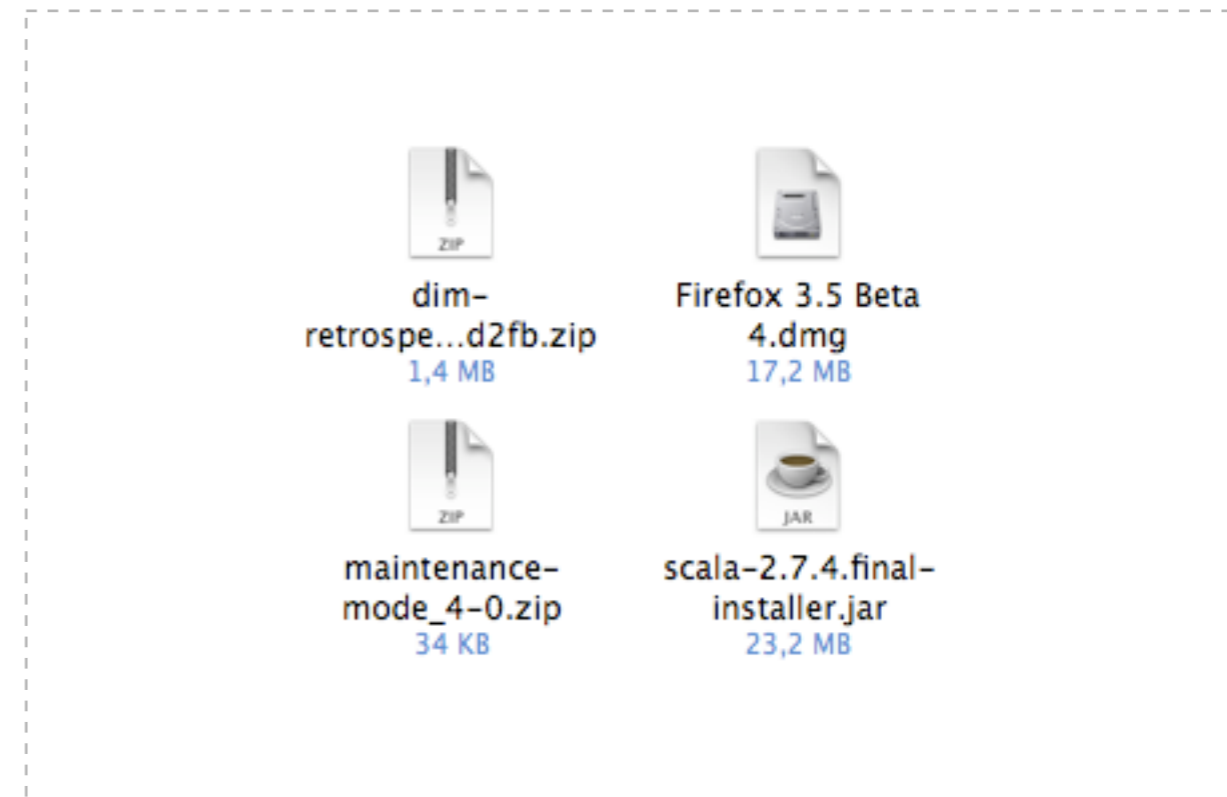


KEY POINTS

1. No separated download folder
2. A file is a file:
 - . Drag'n'drop once download
 - . Double click to see

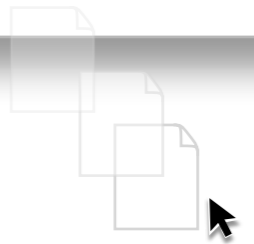
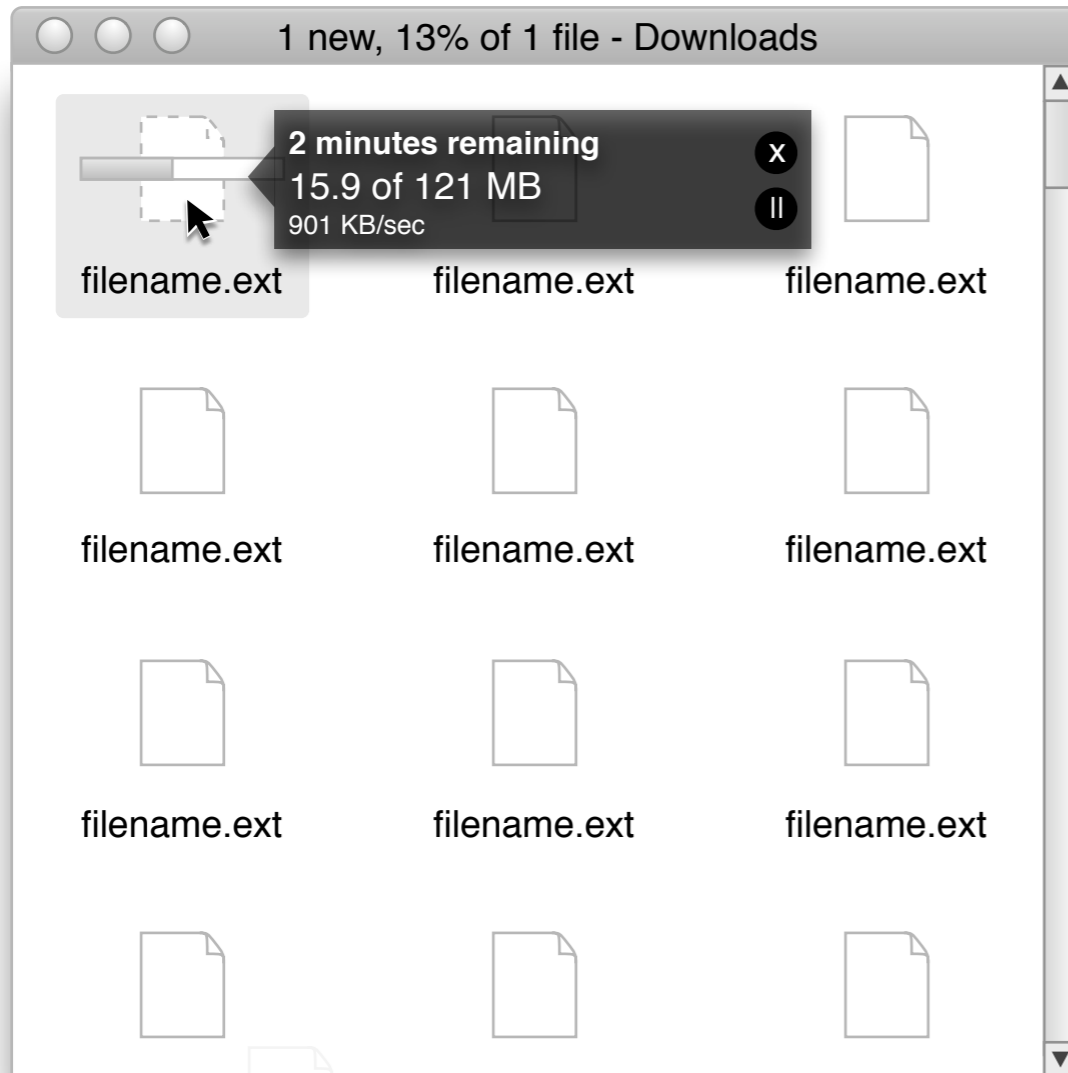
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Proposal 2, files: downloading



Drag'n'drop is useful in any solution

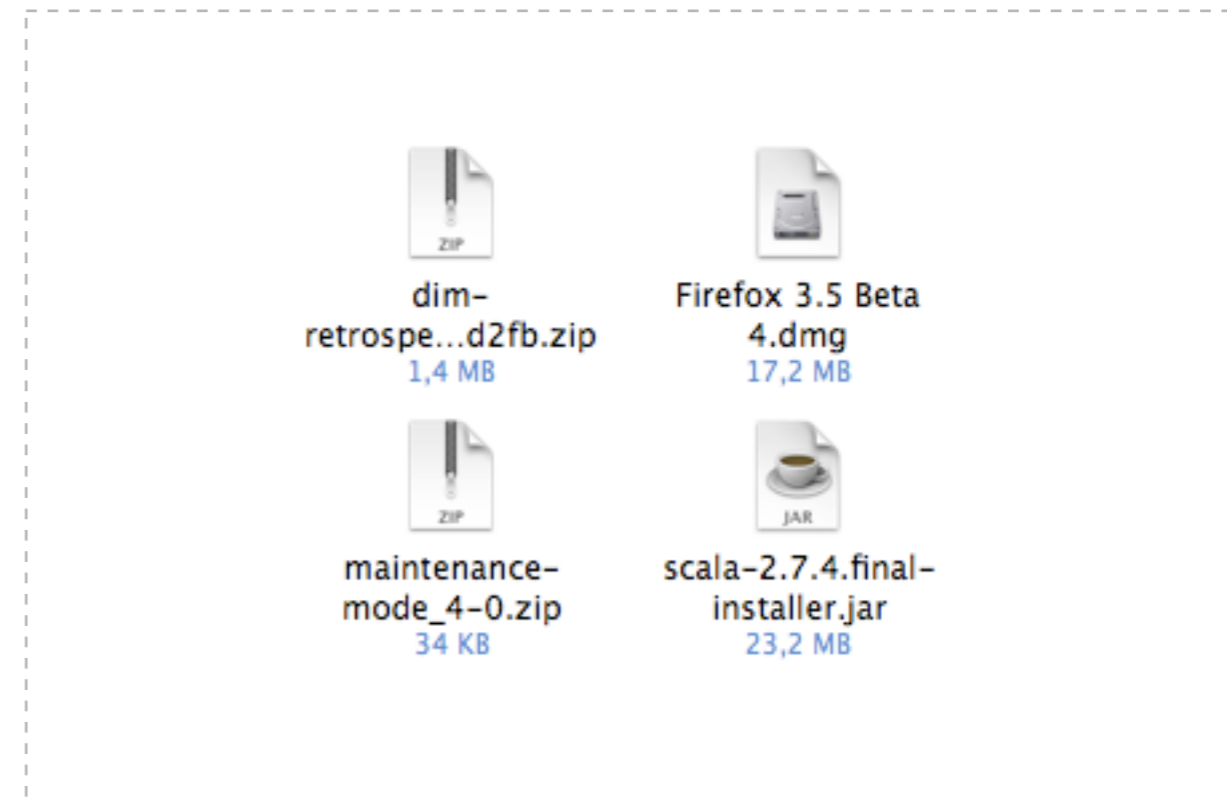
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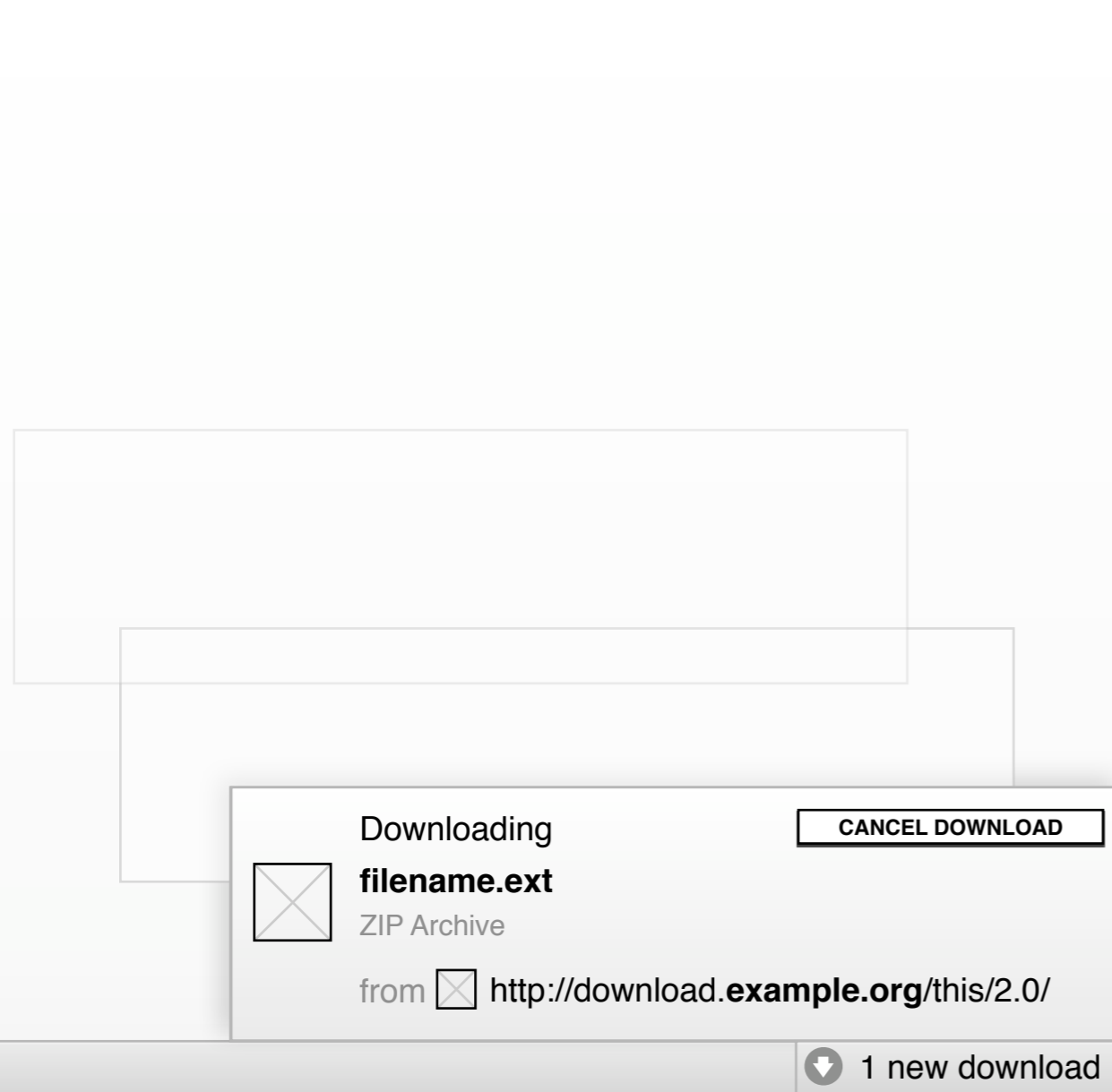
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Proposal 3, drawer: starting



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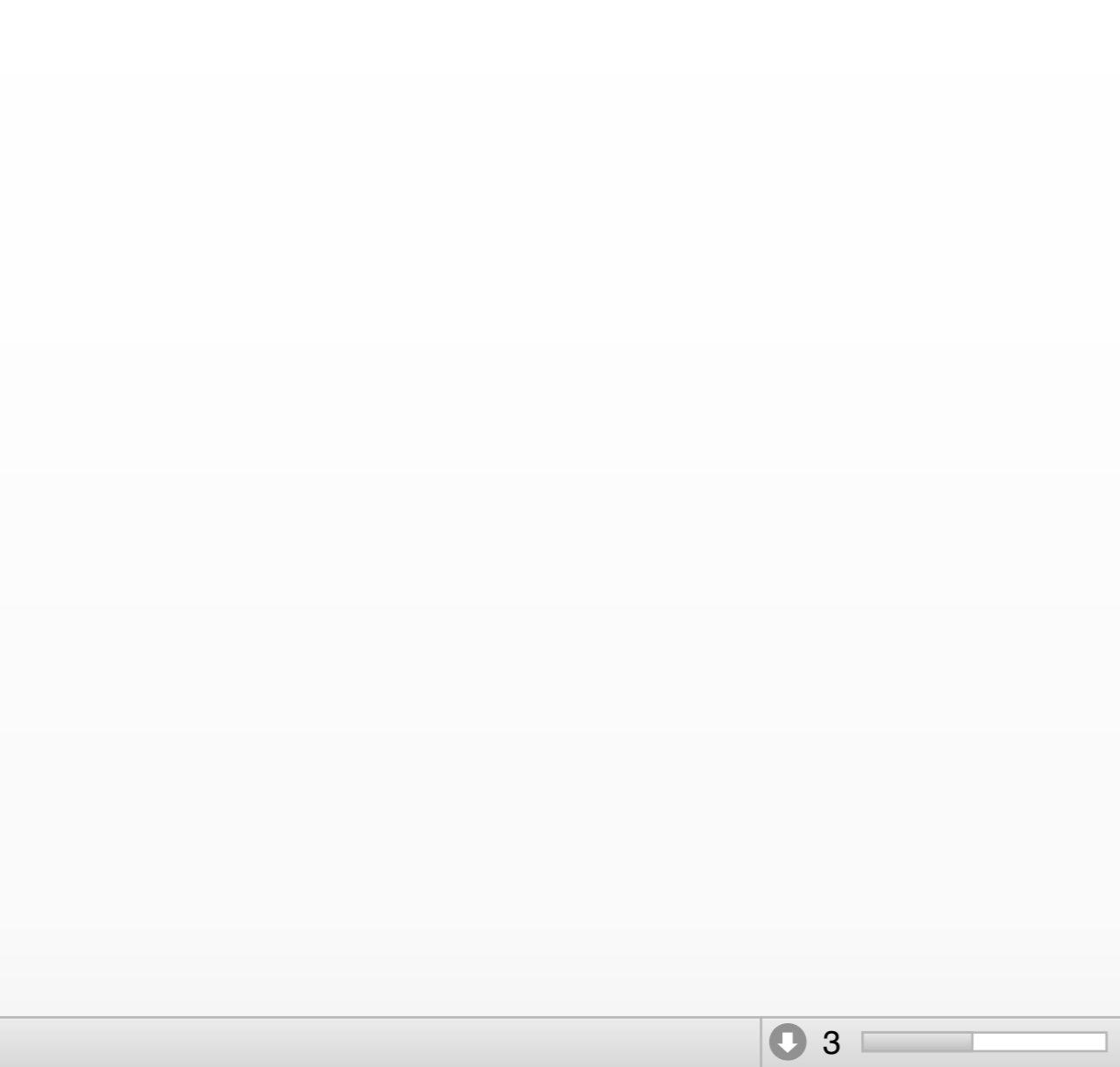
A tiny and fast animation triggers on download starting

Download starts by default, you can cancel it. Open later.

This could be designed as a global notification system

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Proposal 3, drawer: downloading



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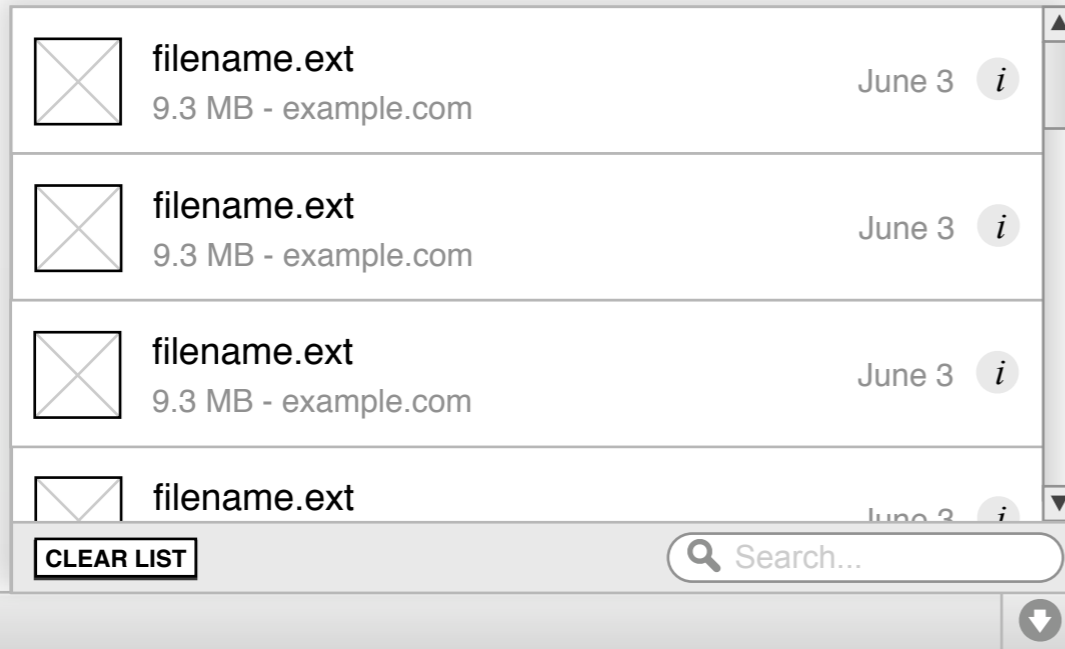
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When closed and not downloading the icon disappears?