

# Tips for Installing SciFinder Scholar™ for Mac OS X

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**Introduction** There are several variations for installing SciFinder Scholar for Mac OS X. This document is designed to help you transition software from Mac OS 9 to Mac OS X.

Below are referenced instructions from the *SciFinder Scholar Site Administrator Guide*, which is available at the software download site, [my.cas.org](http://my.cas.org).

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## Using an Existing *site.prf* File

You may use an existing Macintosh *site.prf* file from SciFinder Scholar 2002 or 2004 Edition (p. 8). On Mac OS X, SciFinder Scholar resides in the *Applications* folder, while the *site.prf* file resides elsewhere.

1. Install SciFinder Scholar for Mac OS X (p. 6).
2. Enter the *Applications* folder and select the SciFinder Scholar icon.
3. Click the Actions drop-down menu (starburst icon at top of the Finder window) and select **Show Package Contents**.
4. Click **Contents and MacOS**.
5. Drag and Drop your existing *site.prf* file to the *MacOS* folder.
6. Launch SciFinder Scholar. This will install a copy of the *site.prf* file at *:Users:{User Name}:Library:Application Support:SciFinder Scholar:site.prf* (p. 7)
7. Change web browser designation by running SPedit (p. 8)

**Note:** You must edit your *site.prf* file to designate a Mac OS X compatible browser when using your old *site.prf* file (see below).

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## SPedit

**Note:** SPedit changes the *site.prf* file in the *Users* location. However, if a different version resides in either or both of the other locations (p. 7), they should be deleted or replaced after using SPedit and prior to starting SciFinder Scholar.

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## Web Browser

If you use an existing *site.prf* file, you must edit the file to specify a Mac OS X compatible web browser. (Safari is the default browser for Mac OS X.) The *site.prf* file is edited using SPedit (p. 8). It is important to carefully follow the instructions in the guide.

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**Distributing  
to Other  
Users**

Complete details are found on pp. 15-16. You must have installed SciFinder Scholar and created or added a *site.prf* file. Follow these steps:

1. Click the SciFinder Scholar icon.
  2. Open the Actions menu and select **Create Archive of SciFinder Scholar.app**.
  3. Distribute the archive file *SciFinder Scholar.app.zip* (7-8 MB) to each user.
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**User  
Instructions**

Users receiving the distributed archive file should do the following:

1. Move the archive file to the *Applications* folder.
  2. Extract the zip file.
  3. Double-click the SciFinder Scholar Package icon to install SciFinder Scholar.
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**Further  
Assistance**

Please consult the guide on [my.cas.org](http://my.cas.org). If you have additional questions, contact CAS by:

E-mail: [scifinder@cas.org](mailto:scifinder@cas.org)

Phone: 800-753-4227 (North America); 614-447-3700 (worldwide)

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