

Folder Favorites Guide

Netherworks Studios

Overview:

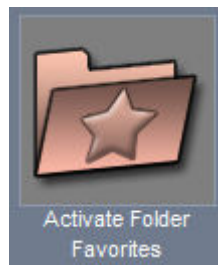
Netherworks' Folder Favorites provides an easy and concise way to navigate through content folders (View Folders List or Tree views) by utilizing a unified Favorites folder where shortcut "scripts" to other folders are created and kept. It cannot be used with the Content Manager Database, which has its own method of organization.

Installation:

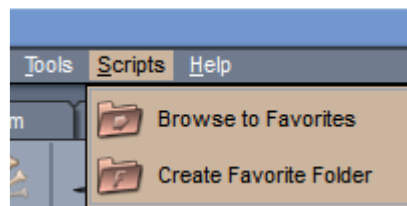
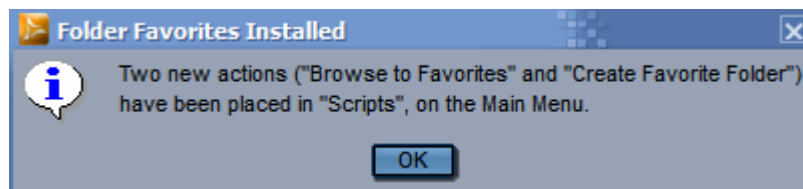
DAZ' Installer should put everything in the right places. The "Favorites" and "NWS Scripts" folders can be placed in any DS3 content folder. The contents of "docs", "resources" and "scripts" should be placed in your main DS3 installation folder (where DAZStudio.exe resides).

Initial Run:

Start DAZ Studio 3 and simply navigate to "NWS Scripts" in your content folder. Run the "Activate Folder Favorites" script.

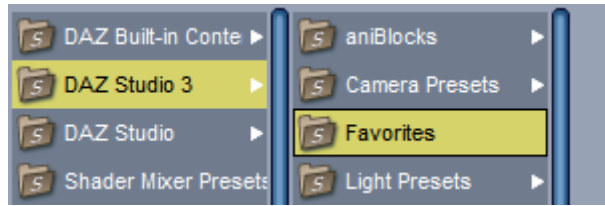


A dialog will let you know that 2 new actions have been added in "Scripts" on the Main DS3 Menu.



If you'd prefer the shortcuts to these actions to be somewhere else you can freely move them to a different Menu or add them additionally to other menus by using "Customize" (F3).

You will also find a new, empty folder named "Favorites" in your root content folder.




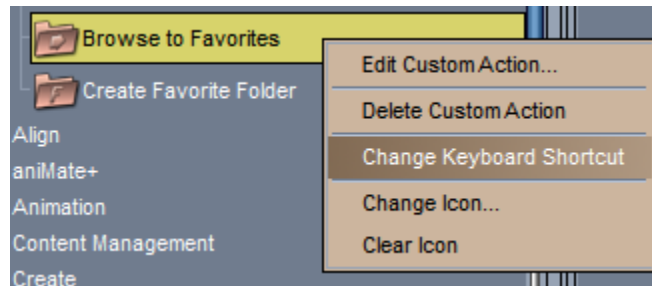
This folder will host any Folder Favorite shortcuts that you create.

Getting Started:

Using Folder Favorites is simple and to the point and gives you plenty of flexibility to take it further. Let's further explain the two scripts that were Activated:

Browse to Favorites - This script gives you one-click access to the Favorites folder at any time. No matter where you are currently in the tree or list view, Browse to Favorites will take you directly to the "Favorites" folder.

 **Tip:** An even quicker way to get to Browse to Favorites is by going to "Customize" in the Edit menu, expanding "Custom" and creating a keyboard shortcut:



Create Favorite Folder - While highlighting and displaying any folder in the Library Pane, you can use this script to add that folder to "Favorites". It works with any kind of content folders, whether DAZ Studio, Poser or other Imported folders. If you are using the Content Manager Database, please switch to regular List or Tree view first.



A dialog will prompt you for the name of the folder shortcut. You can use the name supplied from the folder or enter any name that you'd like.

Additionally, you can optionally enter a name into "Favorites Subfolder" which will create a Subfolder within your Favorites folder to place the Folder Shortcut in. Note that as of this writing, content subfolders do not show up automatically in the library. However, using "Browse to Favorites" will refresh the window, revealing them.

In the Second Box you are presented with an option to also turn the Folder Shortcut into a custom action, along with an icon, and put it in a Favorites entry on the Main Menu. You can enter a name other than "Favorites", to your liking.

Optionally, you can choose to add your folder shortcut to the DS Menu instead of creating a clickable shortcut in the Favorites content folder, by placing a check box in "Add to Main DS Menu instead?". You can also optionally name the menu but it defaults to "Favorites". And yes, you can make multiple top menus this way... just be careful not to clutter your UI too much!

Pressing "Accept" presents you with an Information Box, which gives you details about the Shortcut that was just created.

Folder Favorites also creates a thumbnail image for you (91x91) when it makes the shortcut:



**** Warning **** - If you move, delete or rename the actual folder that a Main DS Menu shortcut points to, you will also need to remove the DS Menu Favorite with the DAZ Customize (Edit, Customize or F3). Be sure to remove both the custom "Action" and the entry under Menus, Main Menu.

Uninstalling and Reinstalling

If for some reason that you have to remove Folder Favorites and/or reinstall DAZ Studio, you would be advised to first cleanly remove its entries from the Custom and Scripts menu, if present.

Go to Customize (F3) in DAZ Studio. Expand "Custom" under Actions. Remove "Browse to Favorites and "Create Favorite Folder" if they are there (right click, Delete Custom Action). Don't hit Apply yet... Head over to the Menus tab and expand "Main Menu". Look for the entry, "&Scripts", and expand that. Remove "Browse to Favorites" and "Create Favorites Folder" if they are present.

Without doing the above steps, the script "Activate Folder Favorites" will not work. It checks for these entries as a safety measure.

Tricks and Tips:

By using a "Favorites" content folder, you get easy access to scripted folder shortcuts without cluttering up your UI with custom actions (though obviously there is an option to do so by adding entries to the Main Menu). The benefit of this is that they can be manipulated like any other native DS3 file in your content library... they can be moved (out of Favorites if you so desire), renamed, deleted and so on.

If you find that you are always using a certain folder in your "Favorites", you can add that as a new Custom Action by right-clicking it and choosing "Add Custom Action" and then using "Customize" (F3) to move it to any menu that you'd like.

You can create custom thumbnails for any of the folder scripts in the "Favorites" folder by replacing the thumbnail .png with one of your own.

-- Thank you for reading and I hope you enjoy using Folder Favorites.

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