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Auction Sieve

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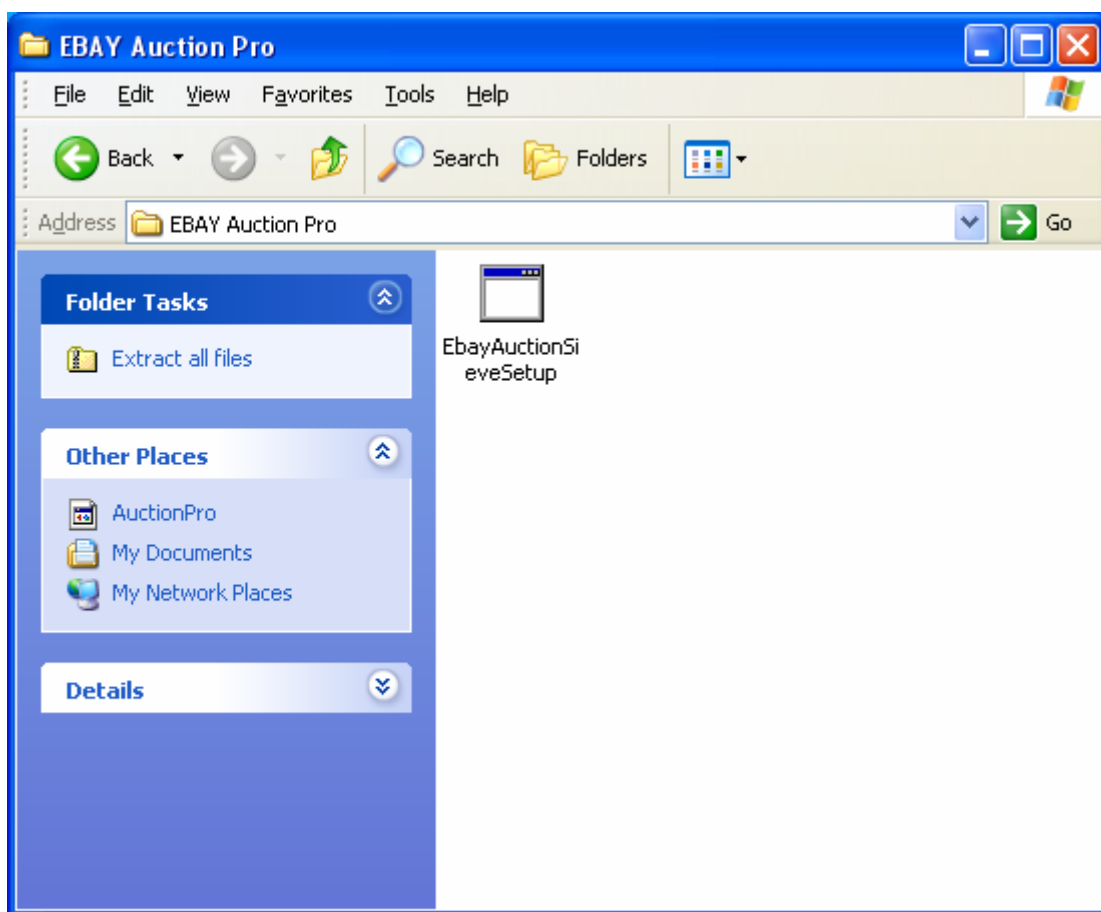
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USER MANUAL

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The following instructions will enable you to upload and install the Ebay Auction Sieve. This tool simplifies the process of finding homes on ebay. You are able to search using keyword and filters to return only the results that you are looking for.

- 1) Start by double-clicking the .ZIP file that you downloaded to your computer. Double click the "EbayAuctionSieveSetup" Icon. This will initiate your software setup.



- 2) Click the next button when prompted during the setup and install the software in the default locations entered by the software. Make sure to check the box during the installation that will create a desktop icon for you. This will make it easier to find the software in the future. When the software has installed, click the "FINISH" button to complete and exit the installation.
- 3) Your software will automatically start when you finish the installation. You will need to choose the eBay site (country specific) that you would like to use with the software.



- 4) Next, you will create your first eBay sieve. You may name the sieve anything you would like. You are going to use the default method of searching the auctions (by performing an eBay search). Click on the "Show Advanced Search Options" button. Advanced options will allow you to choose the eBay category and also search by keywords that are in both the title and description of the eBay listing.



- 5) Now you will need to fill in the advanced parameters for your search. You may enter as many words as you like for the search term. We suggest words such as "investor special", "rehab", "fixer upper", etc. Make sure you change the dropdown on the right to "Any of these words". Check the "Search title and description" and "Only search in categories" boxes. Click on the "Choose" button to chose the category you would like. We chose "Real Estate" with a "residential" sub-category. Click the "OK" button at the bottom of the page and then click the "OK" button at the bottom of the "Create New Sieve" dialog window.

Search Options

A sieve can get auctions from multiple eBay searches.
Results will be combined and any duplicates consolidated.

Use : US - ebay.com

stores instead

Search term : investor special fixer upper rehab

Any of these words

Words to exclude :

☒ Search title and description

☐ Located in Any Country

☐ Available to Any Country

☒ Only search in categories : 12605

Choose another...

☐ Must accept PayPal

☐ Buy It Now items only

☐ Quantity greater than 1

Min price :

Max price :

Add another search

Remove

Move Up

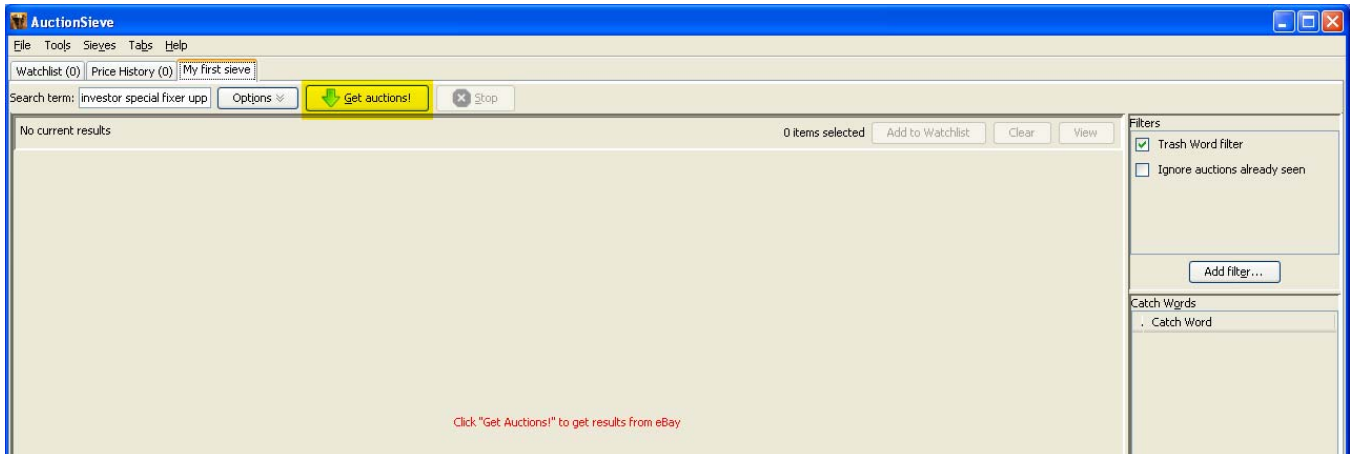
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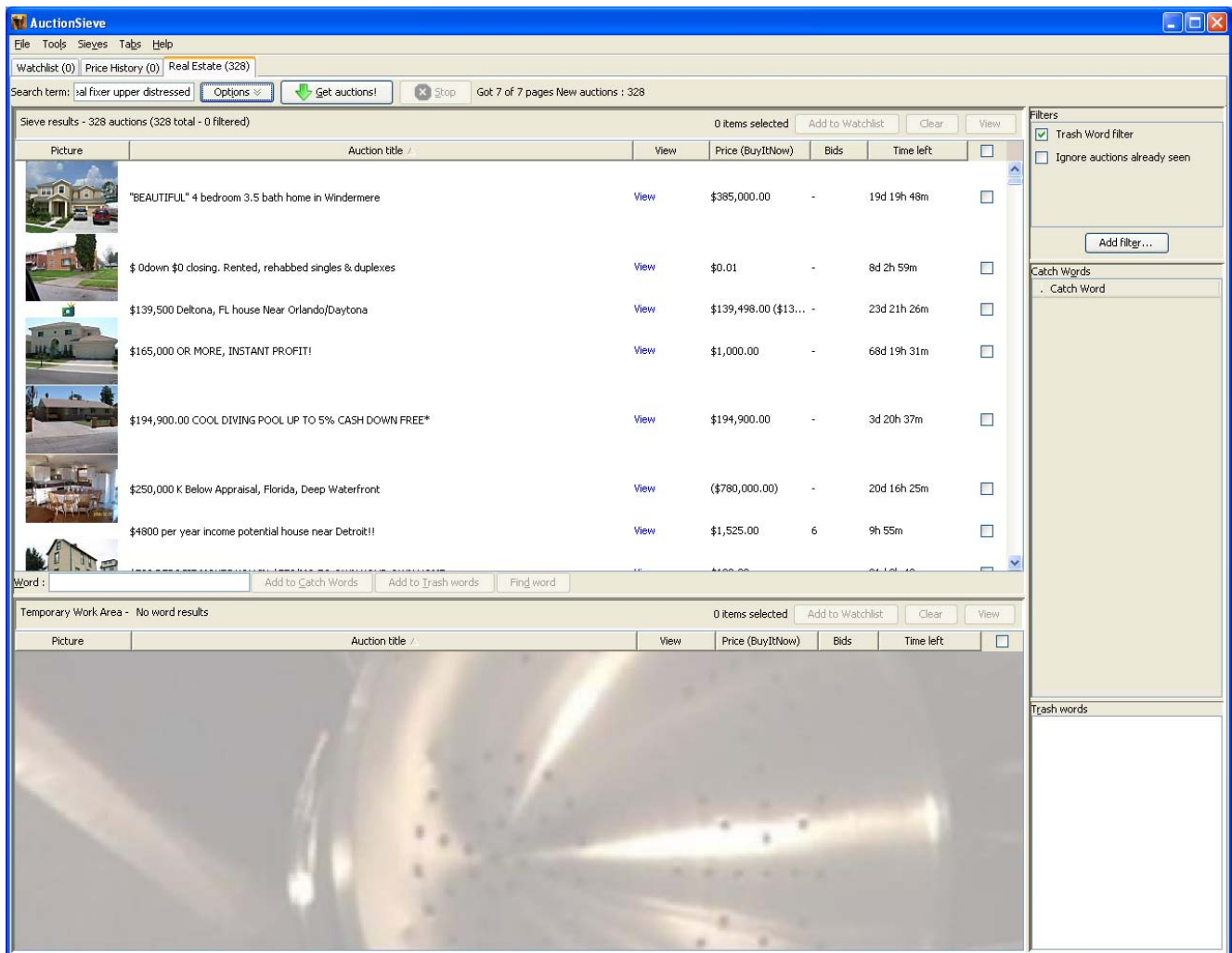
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- 6) You will now click on the "GET AUCTIONS" button (highlighted below in yellow). This will begin your search for properties.



- 7) Based on your individual search criteria, your search will yield anywhere from 1-10,000 homes for sale. This software simplifies the process of searching through eBay by bringing the "deals" that you are looking for, without having to sift through all of the junk.



- 8) You can create new sieves any time you like by simply clicking on "File" in the upper left hand corner and selecting new sieve. Each sieve that you create will be save within the software until you opt to remove them. Below are some frequently asked questions regarding the software.

General

"Does AuctionSieve support eBay UK or other eBay sites?"

Yes, AuctionSieve supports the following international eBay sites

- eBay US
- eBay UK
- eBay Australia
- eBay Austria
- eBay Belgium
- eBay Canada
- eBay France
- eBay Germany
- eBay India
- eBay Ireland
- eBay Italy
- eBay Netherlands
- eBay Spain
- eBay Switzerland

Usage

"When I try to Get Auctions I just get errors!"

First, have you just installed AuctionSieve? When you first install AuctionSieve, it will try to download the latest updates to ensure it can talk to eBay. By default, AuctionSieve checks for updates when you run it but if this is turned off, you can simply run AuctionSieve and select Tools->Check for updates.

If you have the latest version of AuctionSieve and you still get the problem, it may just be an intermittent network problem. Try not to Get Auctions for too many sieves at once.

Failing that, eBay may have changed their pages and AuctionSieve is having trouble interpreting them. Post on the forum or email to let me know!

To help me diagnose the problem, do the following :

- perform one of your searches which is having problems
- go to the folder where you installed AuctionSieve

- find a file called lastpage.html
- send it to me

"I don't want to see the auctions from when I ran my sieve yesterday. Can I make AuctionSieve remove them from the results?"

Yes. In the Filters panel on the right, tick 'Ignore auctions already seen'.

"Can I search in all categories?"

Yes! With version 1.2.0 and above you can perform regular eBay searches. You can also combine search results and limit your searches to a list of specific subcategories.

"How do I delete a sieve?"

Go to "File->Select Sieve...", click on the sieve you want to delete and press the delete button.

"Can you add support for sniping?"

No. I'm part of the eBay affiliate network and eBay specifically disallows sniping.

"Can I become a beta tester?"

Yes! It's easy. In AuctionSieve, select Tools->Check for beta updates.

You can also automate this. When you run AuctionSieve, it always checks for updates but this is just standard updates. You can make it check for beta updates by going to Tools->Options...->Updates tab and select "Check for beta updates on startup"

Windows issues

"I have Windows and clicking the 'View' link doesn't work"

Version 1.2.0 fixed this for most people's setups.

"Can I make AuctionSieve use a different browser like Firefox?"

Yes. When you click View, AuctionSieve launches your default browser. To change your default browser in Windows XP go to Start->Set Program Access and Defaults select Custom and click on the dropdown and choose Firefox (or Opera or whatever) as your default web browser.

If that doesn't work, then your Windows may have an incorrect file association. Try finding an html file on your hard drive and double click it to open it. It should launch your browser. If not, you need to view the properties of the file and change the "Opens with".

"I tried getting *lots* of auctions and AuctionSieve froze. What's up with that?"

AuctionSieve is running out of memory. To increase the memory available to AuctionSieve, find the directory where you installed it, and open up the file called AuctionSieve.lax in a text editor such as Notepad. Add the following line to the bottom of the file :

```
lax.nl.java.option.java.heap.size.max=256000000
```

save the file, and rerun AuctionSieve.

This will be fixed in future versions.

"How can I backup my AuctionSieve Data?"

Open up the folder where you installed AuctionSieve, usually C:\Program Files\AuctionSieve

- Copy (not move) the following files from that folder to another location for safekeeping:

all .sieve files

auctionsieve.properties

watchlist.txt

pricehistory.txt

Mac issues

"I just upgraded to 1.8.7 (ie reinstalled). Where'd my data go???"

Please look at the [special note on the download page](#).

"I have a Mac and get an error when I try to install. Why?"

This should no longer happen with the latest version. For historical purposes (versions prior to 1.8.7), read on ...

This is a permissions problem. First of all, make sure you're placing AuctionSieve in the Applications folder. If that doesn't help, then the easiest way to get around

this is to run the installer as the user 'root' (root is an all-powerful user). Some people have also been able to install it as long as they have Admin rights.

You can find instructions on how to create a root user account here :

http://www.osxfaq.com/Tutorials/Root_User_Creation/index.ws

Once installed, you can log out of the root account, log in to your regular account and use AuctionSieve.

"I'm still having problems running AuctionSieve on Mac OS X 3.9. Can you help?"

There's a problem if you've updated to Quicktime 7.0.4 or later. Fortunately, Apple have released an update for Java which fixes the problem - "Java for Mac OS X 10.3 Update 5". Go here to get it :

<http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/javaformacosx103update5.html>

"I have Mac OS X and clicking the 'View' link doesn't do anything. How do I make it work?"

Go into Tools->Options and turn off the option "Force creation of new browser window when clicking View".

"Can I make AuctionSieve use a different browser like Firefox?"

Yes. When you click View, AuctionSieve launches your default browser. To change your default browser in Mac OS X

- Start Safari (the standard browser).
- From the **Safari** menu, choose **Preferences...**
- In the General tab, find the Default web browser pop-up menu and make your selection from the list.

"I get a NoSuchMethodError. What can I do?"

This seems to occur when people have upgraded to Panther (Mac OS X 10.3.3) and get the latest AuctionSieve update. I'm not sure why :-(. A workaround that seems to always work is to uninstall and reinstall AuctionSieve. Then you can get the update successfully. If that still doesn't work, email me.

"I use Mac OS X and it froze. How do I give AuctionSieve more memory?"

Increasing the memory for AuctionSieve on a mac is done in a different way.

There's no AuctionSieve.lax file. Instead, do this :

- in Finder, go to the folder where you installed AuctionSieve
- control-click on the AuctionSieve app file and select "Show Package Contents"
- in that folder, find the file Info.plist and open it in a text editor

- search for 122M and change it to 256M
- save the file and run AuctionSieve again

"How can I backup my AuctionSieve Data?"

Open up the folder where you installed AuctionSieve

- Control click the AuctionSieve icon and select "Show Package Contents" from the pop-up menu
- Navigate to the Contents->Resources->Java folder
- Copy (not move) the following files from that folder to another location for safekeeping:
 - all .sieve files
 - auctionsieve.properties
 - watchlist.txt
 - pricehistory.txt

Linux issues

"I have Linux and clicking the 'View' link doesn't do anything. How do I make it work?"

AuctionSieve contains support for specifying your browser by specifying the - DBROWSER=<browser> parameter

where <browser> is the executable to launch your browser. This value can be set according to the *nix standard - ie any occurrence of %s will be replaced with the url. If there is no %s, then a space and the url is appended to form the command. Example -DBROWSER="/usr/bin/mozilla %s"

How you specify the parameter is up to you at the moment - but I'll probably include a .sh file in future versions.

Here is an example shell script (tested to work on Ubuntu - thanks to Keith!) :

```
#!/bin/sh
#Location To AuctionSieve JAR
cd bin/auctionsieve/
#AuctionSieve Launch Parameters
java -DBROWSER="firefox %s" -jar auctionsieve.jar
```

Note that in versions 1.8.6 and earlier, the browser parameter was specified in the AuctionSieve.lax file

Open up the AuctionSieve.lax file where you installed AuctionSieve, and change this line :

`lax.command.line.args=$CMD_LINE_ARGUMENTS$`

to this :

`lax.command.line.args=$CMD_LINE_ARGUMENTS$ -DBROWSER=<browser>`

If that doesn't work, try adding this extra line to the file :

`lax.nl.java.option.additional=-DBROWSER=<browser>`

Let me know which one works for you. Thanks to Dave Arndt for this suggestion!

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