



Nero Scout Manual

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1 Start Successfully!

1.1 About Nero Scout

Nero Scout is a database program which indexes and catalogs all media files on your computer and makes the database available to all programs in the Nero product package.

Nero Scout is integrated in the following Nero applications:

- Nero Burning ROM
- Nero Express
- Nero Vision
- Nero SoundTrax
- Nero WaveEditor
- Nero Home
- Nero MediaHome
- Nero ShowTime
- Nero Recode
- Nero PhotoSnap
- Nero PhotoSnap Viewer

Nero Scout is of particular significance for Nero Home, since file searches using Nero Home find and display only cataloged files. We therefore recommend that you always leave Nero Scout enabled.

Databases created by other media players catalog only the files that belong to the respective program. Nero Scout, on the other hand, makes its universal database available to all playback programs.

Nero Scout creates an entry in Windows® Explorer so that you always have a complete overview available. The structure of the Windows® Media® Player library, with details such as artist, year of release, etc., is created in the Nero Scout entry.

1.2 About the manual

This manual is intended for all users who want to learn how to use Nero Scout. It is process-based and explains how to achieve a specific objective on a step-by-step basis.

To make the best use of this manual, please note the following conventions:

Symbol	Meaning
	Indicates warnings, preconditions or instructions that have to be followed precisely. .
	Indicates additional information or advice.
1. Start ...	A number at the beginning of a line indicates a prompt for action. Carry out these actions in the order specified.
	Indicates an intermediate result.
	Indicates a result.
OK	Indicates text passages or buttons that appear in the program interface. They are shown in bold face.
<u>Chapter</u>	Indicates references to other chapters. These links are underlined in red.
[...]	Indicates keyboard shortcuts for entering commands.

2 Working with Nero Scout

2.1 Starting and enabling Nero Scout

In Nero Scout you can define which folders and files are to be indexed.

If Nero Scout is not enabled, proceed as follows:

1. Select **Start > All Programs > Nero 8 Premium > Nero Toolkit > Nero Scout**.
→ The **Nero Scout Options** window opens.

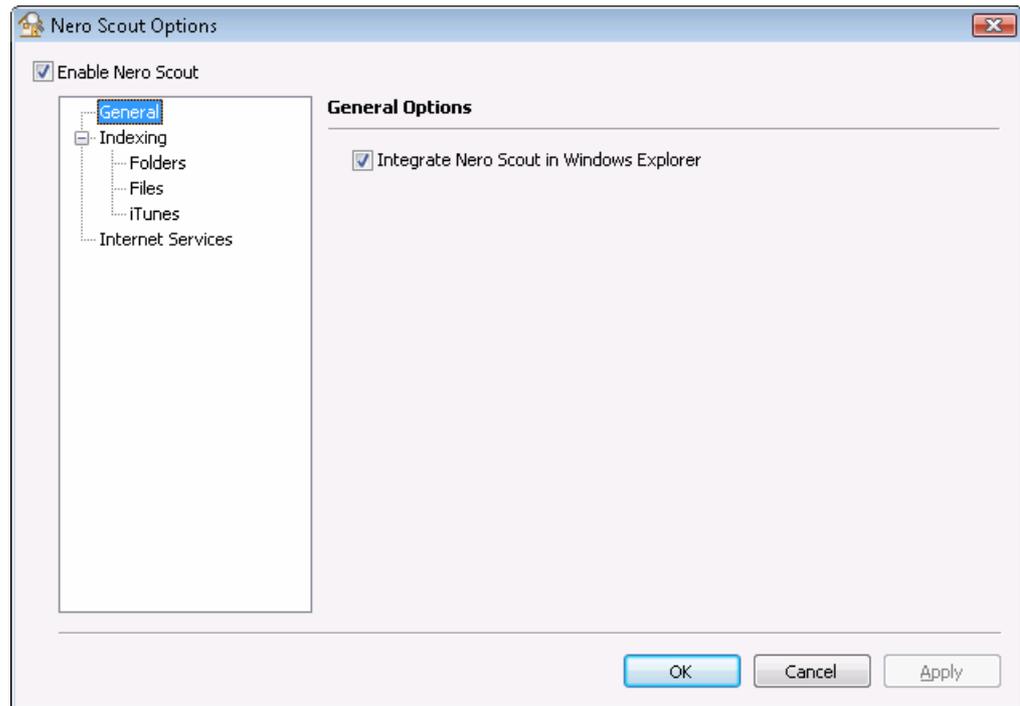


Fig. 1: **Nero Scout Options** window, **General** navigation item

2. Check the **Enable Nero Scout** box.
→ You have enabled Nero Scout. You can now proceed to change the general options (see [Defining general options](#)).

2.2 Defining general options

Under General Options you define whether Nero Scout is displayed in Windows Explorer.

Proceed as follows:

1. Click **General** in the navigation tree.

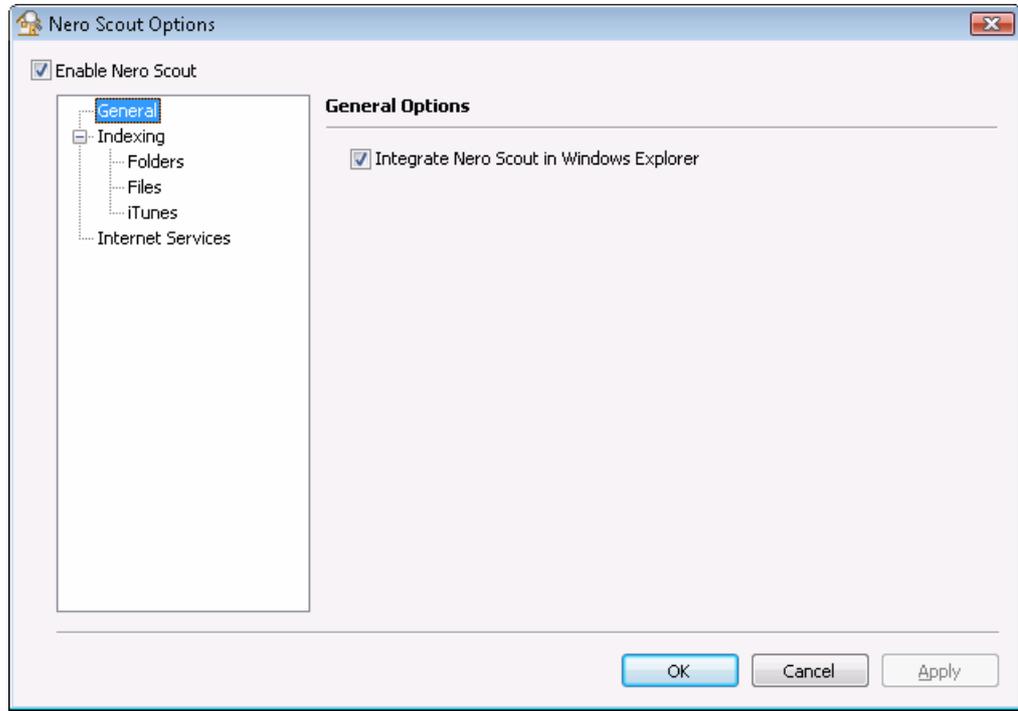


Fig. 2: Nero Scout Options window, General navigation item

2. If you want to show Nero Scout as a separate folder in Windows Explorer, check the **Integrate Nero Scout in Windows Explorer** check box.
3. Click the **Apply** button.
 - ➔ You have changed the general options in line with your requirements. You can now continue to define settings for indexing purposes (see [Indexing](#)).

2.3 Indexing

The **Indexing** entry in the navigation tree offers you an overview of the already indexed files. There you see how many files have already been indexed and the status of the indexing process. You can also rescan all media to update the index.



By default, Nero Scout indexes the “My documents” folder. You can manually add folders that you also want indexed.

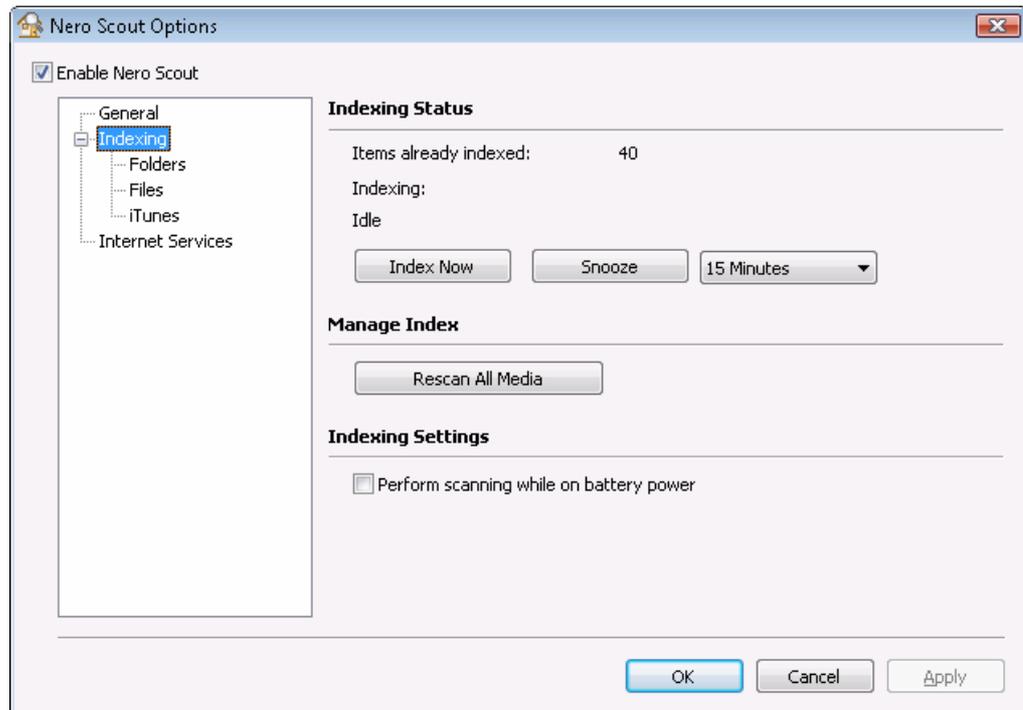


Fig. 3: Nero Scout Options window, Indexing navigation item

The following configuration options are available in the **Indexing** entry on the right-hand side of the window:

Index now button	Starts indexing.
Disable button	Stops indexing for the time specified in the combo box.
Time combo-box	Selects the time span to pause indexing.
Rescan all media button	Checks the entire index for newly added and removed files and updates the index accordingly.
Scan in battery mode button	Continues indexing also in battery mode. This option is meaningful only if you work with a laptop.



Reduced battery operating period!

Indexing in battery mode can shorten the battery operating period of your laptop because the processor is required to perform more calculations.

2.3.1 Folders

The **Folders** option in the navigation tree gives you an overview of the indexable folders. Here you can manually select the folders and subfolders you want to index.



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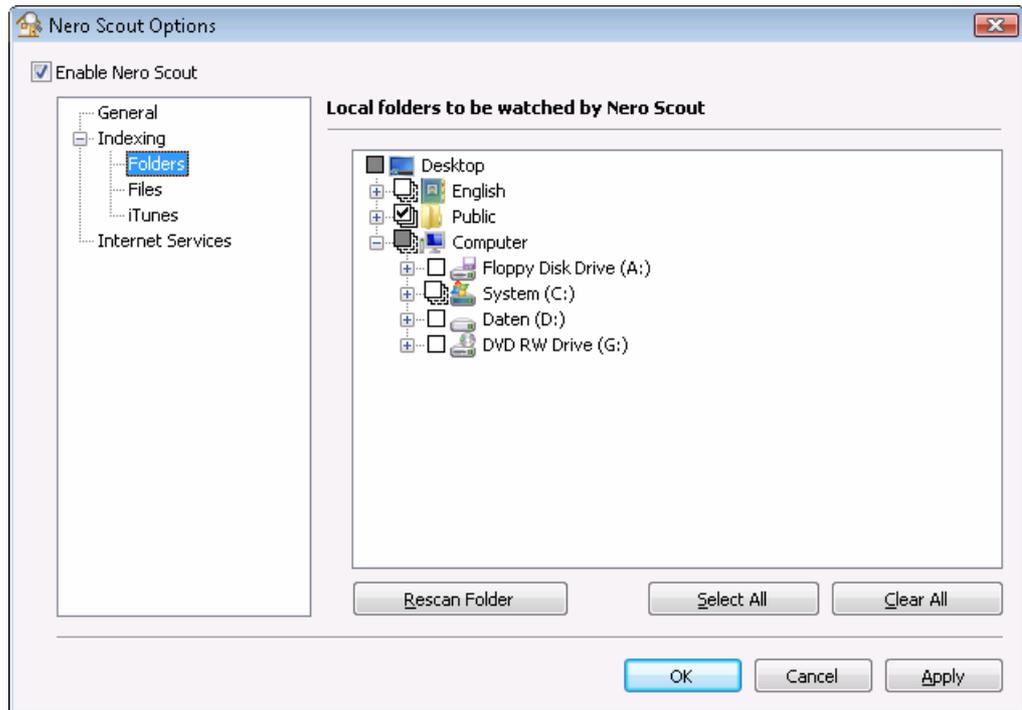


Fig. 4: Nero Scout Options window, Folder navigation item

The following setting options are available in the **Folders** entry on the right side of the window:

<p>Local folders to be watched by Nero Scout navigation tree</p>	<p>Displays the indexable folders and subfolders. The check boxes can have the three following states: <input type="checkbox"/> The folder will not be indexed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The selected folder will be indexed but not its subfolders. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The folder and all of its subfolders will be indexed.</p>
<p>Rescan Folder button</p>	<p>Checks the selected folders for newly added and removed files and updates the index accordingly.</p>
<p>Select All button</p>	<p>Selects all folders shown in the folder tree.</p>
<p>Clear All button</p>	<p>Removes the checks from all selected folders in the folder tree.</p>

2.3.2 Adding folders

You can use Nero Scout to define specific folders to be indexed.

To add more folders to be indexed, proceed as follows:

1. Click **Indexing > Folder** in the navigation tree.

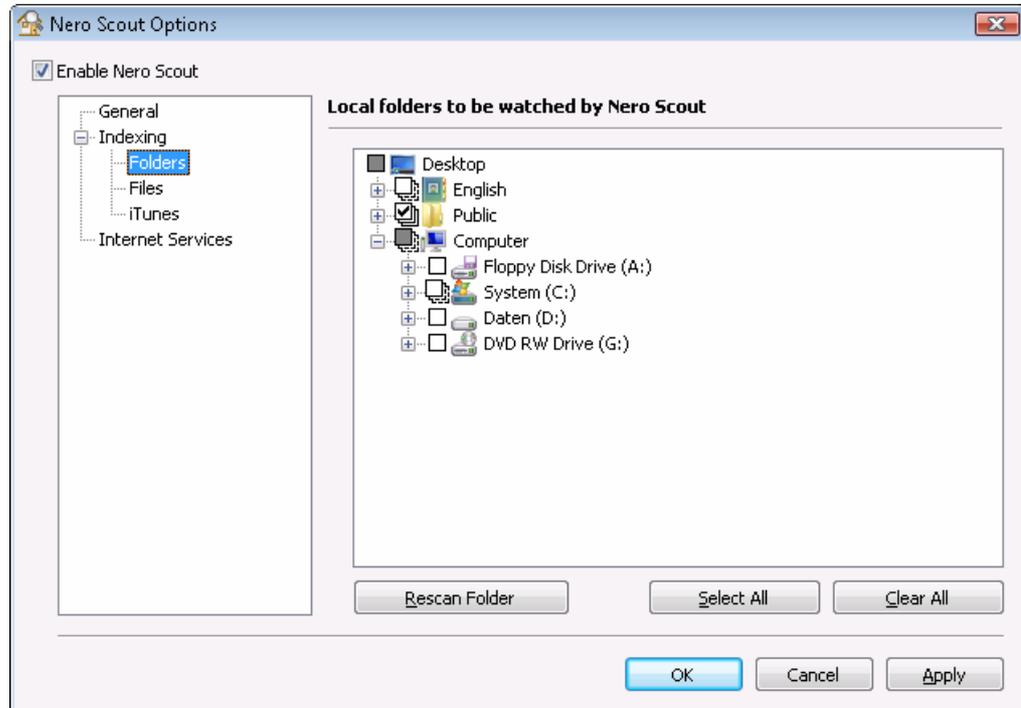


Fig. 5: Nero Scout Options window, Folders navigation item

2. Check the folders you want to index in the folder structure on the right-hand side.



You can select a folder and all its subfolders or just the one folder you want. Click the check box once to mark the folder you want. Double-clicking marks the folder and all of its subfolders.

3. Click the **Apply** button.

➔ You have added the folders you want to index. You can now add file formats for indexing (see [Selecting file types](#)).

2.3.3 Selecting file types

Nero Scout allows you to select the file types you want to index.

Proceed as follows:

1. Click **Indexing > Files** in the navigation tree.

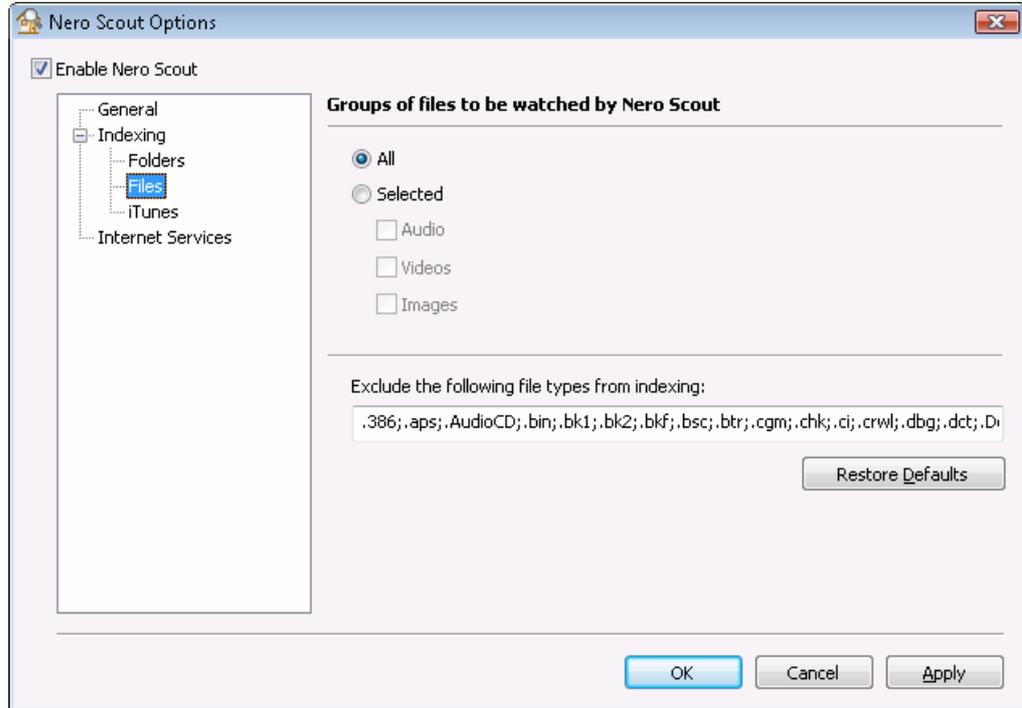


Fig. 6: Nero Scout Options window, Files navigation item

2. To index all file formats, select the **All** option button.
3. If you only want to index certain file formats:
 1. Select the **Selected** option button.
 - The check boxes are enabled.
 2. Check the boxes for the formats you want.
4. If you want to exclude file types from indexing, in the **Exclude the Following File Types from Indexing** input field enter the endings (files extensions) of the file types you do not want to be indexed.



The file extensions must always start with a dot and must be separated from the other extensions with a semicolon. For example: ".exe; .dat".

5. If you want to return the settings to their original state, click the **Restore Defaults** button.
6. When you have finished selecting folders, click the **Apply** button.
 - You have selected files for indexing.

2.3.4 Importing Apple® iTunes library

If you have Apple® iTunes installed on your computer, you can import the Apple iTunes library into Nero Scout. Nero Scout then indexes the Apple iTunes media files.

To import the Apple® iTunes library, proceed as follows:

1. Click **Indexing > Apple® iTunes** in the navigation tree.

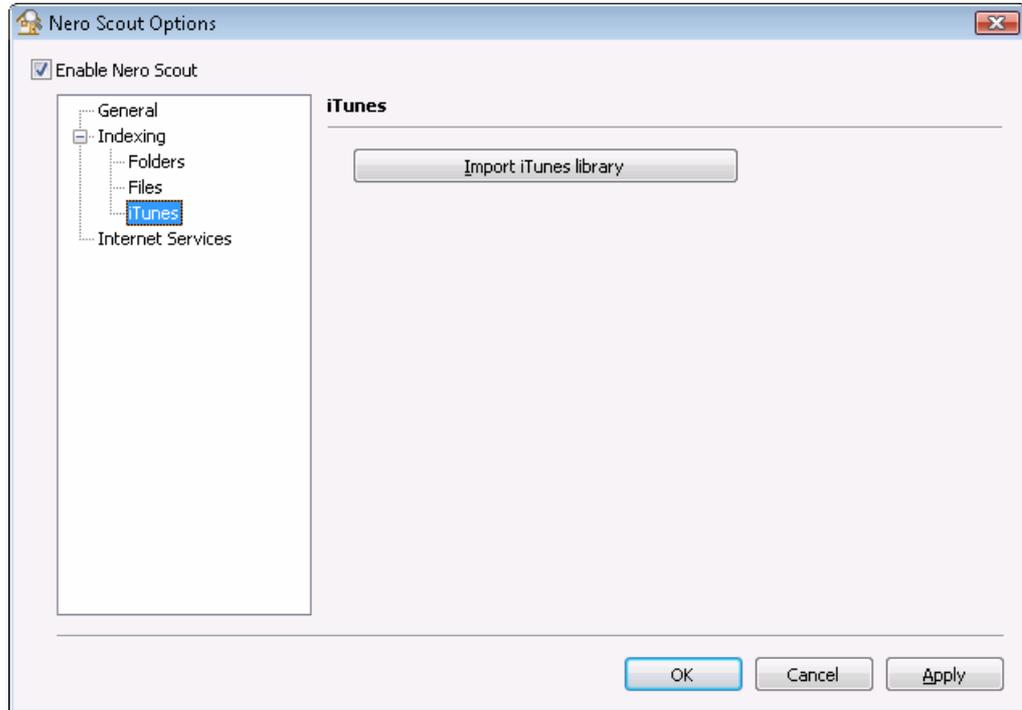


Fig. 7: Nero Scout Options window, Apple® iTunes navigation item

2. Click the **Import Apple® iTunes Library** button.
 - ➔ A progress bar informs you of the progress of the import.



Indexing the library

After importing the Apple® iTunes library into Nero Scout, the files still have to be indexed. Depending on the size of the library, this may take a while. The files are fully available to you only after indexing is completed.

3. To follow the progress of indexing, click **Indexing** in the navigation tree.
 - ➔ Indexing of the Apple® iTunes library is completed when the indexing status shows **Idle**. You have imported the library into Nero Scout and indexed it.

2.4 Internet Services

In the **Internet Services** entry in the navigation tree, you can enter, save, and update the URLs (uniform resource locators) of the following media:

- Web radios
- Web TV
- Audio casts
- Video casts
- Image casts



You can select these Internet services in Nero Home or Nero ShowTime and use them there.

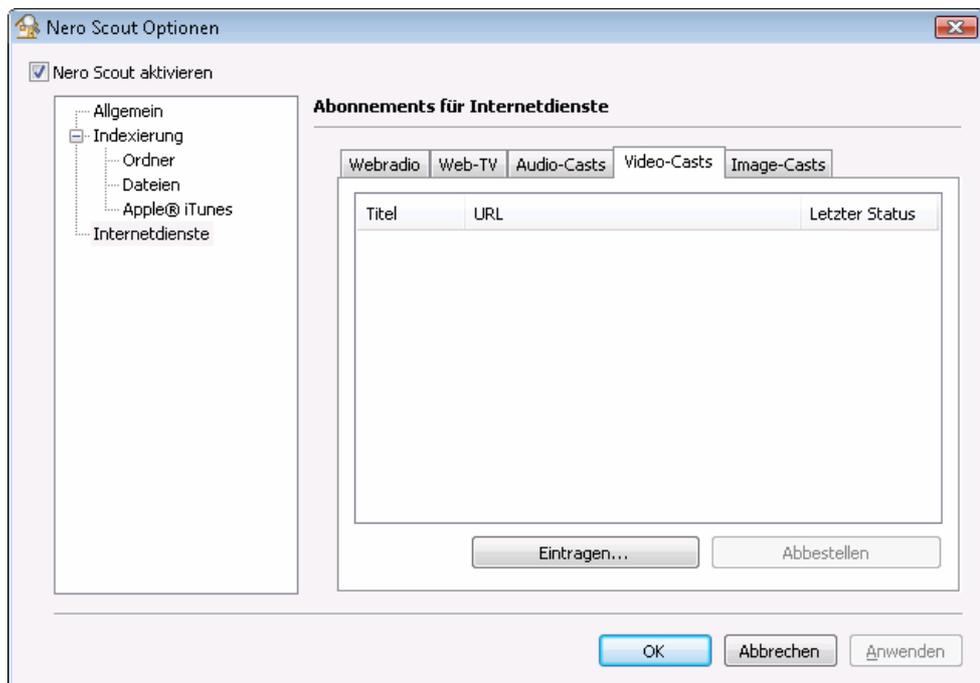


Fig. 8: Nero Scout Options window, Internet Services navigation item

The following tabs and buttons are available in the **Internet Services** entry on the right-hand side of the window:

Web Radio tab	Displays the subscribed web radio stations, their URLs, and the update status.
Web TV tab	Displays the subscribed web TV stations, their URLs, and the update status.
Audio Casts tab	Displays the subscribed audio casts, their URLs and the update status. An audio cast is a series of audio contributions on the Internet that you can subscribe to using a news feed.

Video Casts tab	Displays the subscribed video casts, their URLs and the update status. A video cast is a series of video contributions in the Internet that you can subscribe to using a news feed.
Image Casts tab	Displays the subscribed image casts, their URLs and the update status. An image cast is a series of images on the Internet that you can subscribe to using a news feed.
Subscribe button	Opens the Dialog window. A new subscription can be created there on the tab (see Creating a subscription).
Unsubscribe button	Deletes a subscription from the active tab.

2.4.1 Dialog window

In the **Dialog** window you can create a new entry for Internet Services.

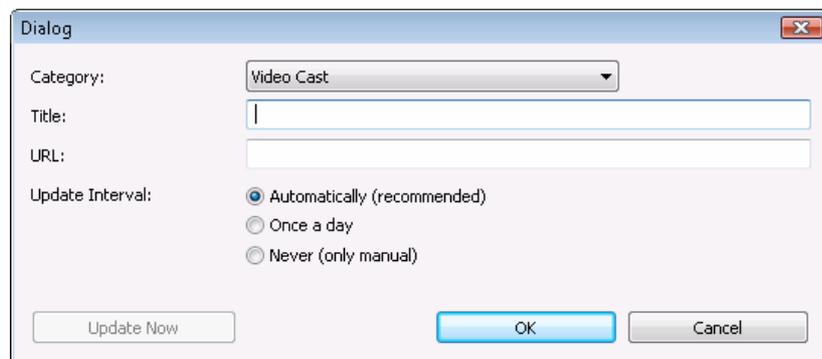


Fig. 9: Dialog window, Web Radio drop-down menu

The following setting options are available:

Category combo box	Provides the subscription categories and therefore the tabs on which the subscription appears for selection.
Title input field	Defines the name of the subscription.
URL text box	Defines the URL of the subscription.
Automatically (recommended) option button	Automatically updates the subscription.
Once a day option button	Updates the subscription once each day.
Never (only manual) option field	Updates the subscription only when an update is manually initiated.
Update Now button	Initiates the update manually.

2.4.2 Creating a subscription

To create a subscription on one of the tabs, proceed as follows:

1. Click the **Internet Services** entry in the navigation tree.
2. Click the **Subscribe** button on the right-hand side of the window.
→ The **Dialog** window appears.
3. Select the desired category for the subscription in the **Category** drop-down menu.
4. Enter the name of the subscription in the **Title** text box.
5. Enter the URL of the subscription in the **URL** text box.
6. Specify the frequency with which the subscription is to be updated using the option buttons in the **Update Interval** area.
7. To update the subscription immediately, click the **Update now** button.
8. Click the **OK** button.
→ You have created a subscription on a tab.

2.4.3 Deleting a subscription

To delete a subscription from one of the tabs, proceed as follows:

1. Click the **Internet Services** entry in the navigation tree.
2. Select the subscription to be deleted.
3. Click the **Unsubscribe** button on the right-hand side of the window.
→ You have deleted a subscription.

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