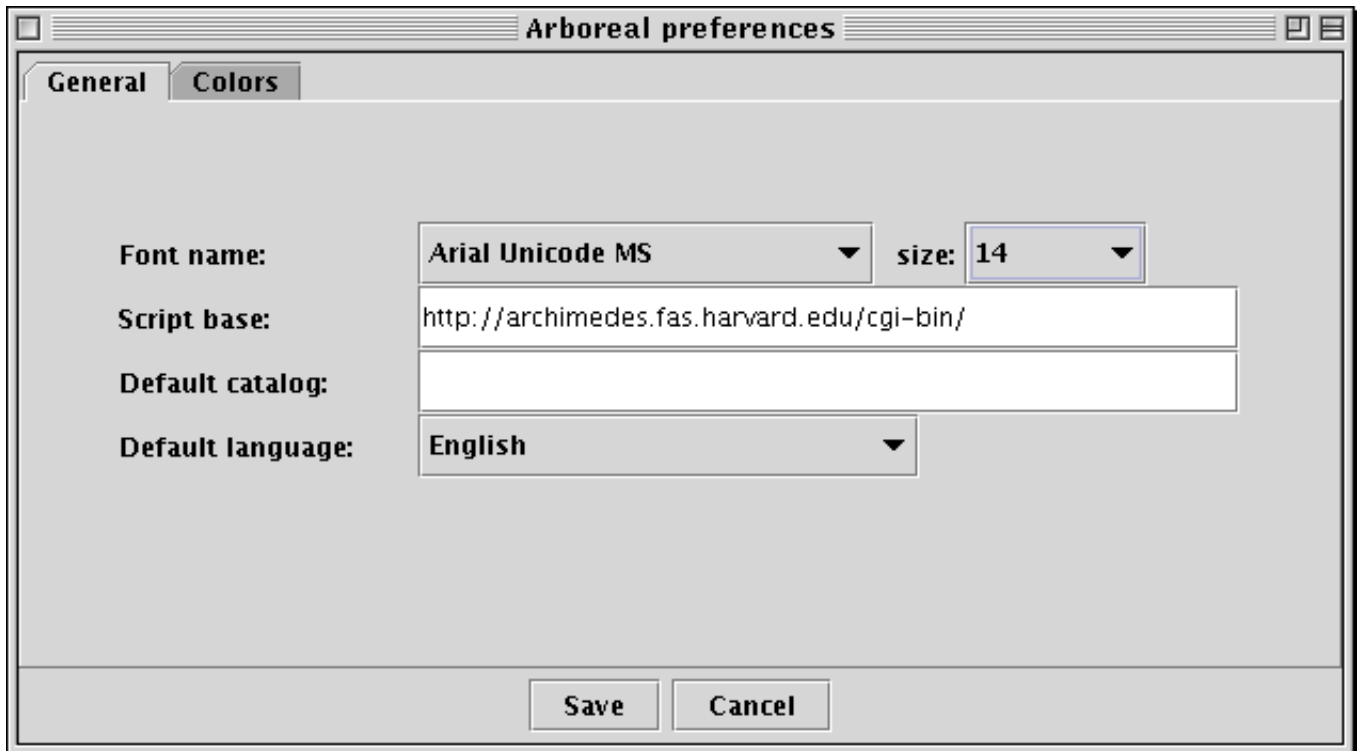


# Configuring Arboreal

Preferences may be set from within Arboreal via a dialog (**File/Preferences**). Changes go into effect immediately; there is no need to restart Arboreal.<sup>[1]</sup> The preferences dialog looks like this:



## "General" tab

**N.B.:** Brief explanations of the settings are provided by tooltips that appear if you move the mouse over the field labels.

- **Font name:** the font to use (e.g., Arial Unicode MS); **size:** the default font size (in points), for text in both the tree and the content pane (defaults to 14).
- **Script base:** the base URL for the dictionary and server-based term facilities; use `http://archimedes.fas.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/` to access the the Harvard server, or use `http://localhost/cgi-bin/` if you've installed the dictionary facility locally.
- **Default catalog:** if this is set, Arboreal will load the specified catalog file at startup. Catalog files may always be loaded manually with **File/Load catalog**.
- **Default language:** the language assumed as the default for documents where no language is specified explicitly. See further [language documentation](#)).

## "Colors" tab

Colors for various types of highlighting can be chosen interactively with a color picker.

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1. Preferences are stored in the `properties.xml` file in the `arboreal` directory: i.e., the directory called `arboreal` or `.arboreal` in your home directory. (On single-user Windows platforms your "home directory" is normally considered to be `C:\WINDOWS`.)

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