

Utilities

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Alarm Clock Pro 7.8.4 *shareware*

Koingo Software, main@koingosw.com, <http://www.koingosw.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.2 or later

If you're used to waking up to a mind-numbing buzzing alarm every morning or static-plagued radio station -- and you enjoy it -- then Alarm Clock Pro is not for you. Wake up to your favorite Internet radio station, MP3, audio disc, movie, random inspirational quote, or even daily task list being read to you. However, we understand that not everyone has their computer in their bedroom, so Alarm Clock Pro can be configured to send text messages to your cell phone as well.

Amnesty Singles 1.1 *trial*

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<http://www.mesadynamics.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.3.9 or later

Dropping a widget file onto the Amnesty Singles window results in a small OS X application that will open an instance of the widget outside of Dashboard when launched. Applications built with Amnesty Singles automatically include features important for running a widget continuously outside Dashboard such as adjusting the window level (desktop, standard, or floating) and setting an "auto refresh" timer for widgets that are designed to refresh only when Dashboard is shown.

BetterZip 1.2 *trial*

Robert Rezabek, <http://macitbetter.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.4 or later

BetterZip can open archives with the most common formats: ZIP, TAR, GZip, BZip2, RAR, 7-Zip, and CPIO.

BurnAgain 2.5 *trial*

freeridecoding, <http://freeridecoding.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.3 or later

With BurnAgain, you can easily add files to CD-Rs several times without creating multiple volumes. Instead, all files will always appear in one CD-R volume. If you burn items twice, they will be automatically compared to the versions already burned and only new or changed files will be added, overwriting the previous versions if required. This makes multisession burning easy, and backing up data to a CD-R very efficient.

CDFinder 4.6.1 *trial*

Norbert M. Doerner, <http://www.cdfinder.de>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.2 or later

CDFinder is an advanced disk cataloger application that helps you organize your disk and data archive, and keeps track of your digital media assets.

ChronoSync 3.3 *demo*

Econ Technoliges, <http://www.econtechologies.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.3 or later

Automatically synchronize files and folders between your laptop and desktop volumes, or schedule automatic, simple backups of important files.

DiskTracker 2.3.3 (Classic) *shareware*

Portents, support@portents.com, <http://www.portents.com>

Requirements: System 7.5.3 (with Appearance Manager 1.3) or later

This powerful cataloging utility helps you keep track of what's on your CDs, external hard drives, iPod, servers, and more. Plus, it features a handy disk-labeling system to create and print professional disk labels -- useful especially if you have a number of removable media disks. You'll need this to view the *MacAddict* disc catalog, which was created with this program. Don't forget to send in your shareware fee if you use it.

DiskTracker 2.3.3 (Mac OS X) *shareware*

Portents, support@portents.com, <http://www.portents.com>

Requirements: Mac OS X or later

This powerful cataloging utility helps you keep track of what's on your CDs, external hard drives, iPod, servers, and more. Plus, it features a handy disk-labeling system to create and print professional disk labels -- useful especially if you have a number of removable media disks. You'll need this to view the *MacAddict* disc catalog, which was created with this program. Don't forget to send in your shareware fee if you use it.

Local Weather 1.1.0.9 *freeware*

WeatherBug, <http://www.weatherbug.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.4 or later

WeatherBug is a free weather forecasting and severe-weather-alerting Dashboard widget.

Mac Pilot 2.1.0 *shareware*

Koingo Software, josh@koingo.com, <http://www.koingosw.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.4 or later

Mac Pilot easily enables and disables hidden features in Mac OS X, optimizes and repairs your system, and performs numerous routine maintenance operations with the click of a button. Pro user or not, you can now increase your Mac's performance with only a few clicks of the mouse. Optimize your network for broadband connectivity, completely customize Apple File Sharing, perform essential maintenance without having to remember mind-boggling acronyms, and much more.

PDF Shrink 4.0 *demo*

Apago Inc., <http://www.apago.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.4 or later

Why are Mac OS X-generated PDFs so large? Because the operating system simply reproduces what would normally go to a printer. It doesn't look for repeated images, such as the background image repeated on each slide of PowerPoint slideshow or a company logo that appears on each page of a document. Essentially, each time an image is used in a document, it is written to the PDF, thus increasing the size of the file. Even if you use Acrobat Distiller, InDesign, or other design applications, PDF Shrink can still reduce the resolution or change the compression of the images in the PDF file.

PopChar X 3.0 *shareware*

Ergonis Software, popchar@ergonis.com, <http://www.ergonis.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.3.9 or later

PopChar solves a problem faced by every technologist and multilingual worker: Inserting special characters into application documents can be frustrating and results in a steady loss of productivity. The extent of the problem is a function of several factors, including the number of special characters in a document, the variability of the characters, and the variability of fonts used in conjunction with the special characters. PopChar solves those problems.

Proxi 1.2 *demo*

Griffin Technology, <http://www.griffintechology.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.4 or later

Proxi lets you configure all of your Griffin devices in one easy-to-use interface. Not only that, but Proxi also allows you to define custom hot keys, monitor Mail, iChat, and RSS feeds, execute a repeating task, and much more.

rooSwitch 1.0.3 *trial*

roobasoft, <http://roobasoft.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.4 or later

rooSwitch makes it easy to create different copies of almost any

application's data. You then switch amongst the profiles to activate the data you wish to use. It's like a multiuser environment for just one application.

Rubbish 1.3.1 *shareware*

Bains Software, info@bainsware.com, <http://www.bainsware.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.3 or later

Rubbish deletes files after they've been in the Trash for a specified period of time -- anywhere from an hour to a month. In addition, it doesn't allow you to delete files prematurely; files will be deleted on schedule only. When you drag a file to the Trash, Rubbish will intercept the file and leave an alias in the Trash. When you empty the Trash, the alias is deleted, but the original file remains intact -- Rubbish protects you from yourself. It allows you to rescue recently trashed files, and you don't have to change your workflow -- you can continue to do things the way you always have.

SlimBatteryMonitor 1.4 *freeware*

COBRA, <http://www.orange-carb.org>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.4 or later

SlimBatteryMonitor is a replacement power gauge for Apple's Mac OS X item that tracks both laptop batteries and many UPS batteries. Multiple-battery systems (e.g., older PowerBooks) are supported as well. An icon shows power remaining, and can be accompanied by a text description (battery charge in percent, or time remaining). Colors can indicate whether the system is fully charged, charging, or on battery.

StartupSound.PrefPane 1.1b *beta*

Arcana Research, acarcana@xvf.biglobe.ne.jp,
<http://www5e.biglobe.ne.jp/~arcana>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.2 or later

This software enables you to control the volume of the startup sound of your Mac. StartupSound.prefPane mutes the startup sound without changing the output volume setting, and limits the startup volume so that it won't become loud even if you make the output volume louder. To set up the startup volume, you select the Startup Sound pane added to the System Preferences.

SuperDuper 2.1.3 *trial*

Shirt Pocket, <http://www.shirt-pocket.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.3.9 or later

SuperDuper makes recovery painless because it makes creating a fully bootable backup painless. Its clear, friendly interface is understandable

and easy to use, and SuperDuper's built-in scheduler makes it trivial to back up automatically.

TechRestore mini Madness *media*

TechRestore, <http://www.techrestore.com>

Requirements: QuickTime

TechRestore sells mobile products, including PowerBooks and iBooks, laptop accessories, iPods and audio accessories, PDAs, and digital cameras and accessories. PowerBookRestore provides 24-hour door-to-door repair service for PowerBook and iBook owners worldwide. MacRestore offers a 24-hour parts repair and replacement service for Power Mac G4, G5, and iMac owners. iPodRestore provides a 24-hour door-to-door repair service for iPod owners worldwide.

VelaClock 1.9 *demo*

Vela Design Group, info@veladg.com, <http://www.veladg.com>

Requirements: Mac OS 10.4 or later

VelaClock is a world-clock widget with a highly configurable user interface. The top pane of VelaClock displays a list of cities and their corresponding local times. Multiple lower panes can be opened to display more information (and take up more screen space). Users can quickly display the time of sunrise, sunset, or twilight, duration of daylight, current phase of moon, time zone information and much more.