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Version 1.5.0

MiscKit concept, organization, directory icons, Makefiles, and top level files
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The MiscKit is an easy to install kit consisting of Objective-C objects, Interface Builder palettes, bundles, and other useful programming resources. All the resources in the MiscKit have been donated by various Internet personalities for the benefit of other NEXTSTEP programmers.

Objects include data structures (string, tree, stack, queue, priority queue, linked list), interface widgets (find panel, text field, button and slider subclasses, clock and calendar views, icon wells, progress pie/bar), macros, other useful objects (lock file, log file, time, stopwatch, serial port, colors, subprocess, remote subprocess), frameworks for building complex interfaces (MiscSwapKit, MiscInspectorKit, InfoMenuKit) and even some useful example applications...plus much more!

To make the MiscKit more attractive to developers, use of the MiscKit resources is absolutely free of charge, no matter how the resources are used. Redistribution of the MiscKit is also encouraged. Many developers are reluctant to use objects which are under the GNU ^aCopyleft.^o As a result, the MiscKit has its own license which allows developers to reuse the code freely, even in commercial projects. Everything possible has been done to encourage the use of the MiscKit to speed development efforts.

Any developer who has generally useful objects, palettes, or other programming resources and would like to donate them to the MiscKit effort is welcome to do so. Contact Don_Yacktman@byu.edu for information on how to prepare a MiscKit submission. By making a submission to the MiscKit, a developer can avoid the hassles of packaging up a formal distribution of their resources and in turn help add to a growing centralized pool of useful resources.

Two binary distributions have been provided:

MiscKit1.5.0.b.NI.gnutar.gz	For Motorola (NeXT) and Intel
MiscKit1.5.0.b.NIHS.gnutar.gz	For Motorola, Intel, HP, and Sparc

These should be unpacked in the root directory (/) by the super user (root). Files will be installed in /LocalDeveloper and a few links in /usr/local/lib will be created as well. The links may be removed. If you do not have root access, they may not be created anyway. This is not a problem, since the links are not necessary for proper use of the MiscKit.

If you wish to build the kit yourself, the source code is provided as a package which you will have to copy off the CD and onto a local hard drive:

MiscKit1.5.0.s.gnutar.gz	Source distribution
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If you will use the above binary packages, but still wish to browse the source code for the kit, you will find the "MiscKit" folder is the above source package uncompressed for browsing. You should start with the included ;MiscKit/README.rtf;;¬README for the Source distribution and go from there. Those already familiar with the MiscKit may wish to bypass the *important* information in the README and go directly to the MiscKit's ;MiscKit/TableOfContents.rtf;;¬Table of Contents.