

Is there an upgrade fee for Kaleidoscope 2.0.1?

We are not requiring an upgrade fee for Kaleidoscope 2.0.1, but we are suggesting an optional \$5 contribution for registered users of Kaleidoscope 1.x. This is purely voluntary, and your old registration code will continue to work with Kaleidoscope 2.0.1 whether or not you pay. This upgrade is listed in on the Kagi Online Order Processing page and in the Register application.

Where can I get more schemes?

You can get more third party Kaleidoscope schemes and utilities from the Kaleidoscope Scheme Archive: <<http://www.kaleidoscope.net/schemes/>>. The schemes on the KSA are stored as Stuffit archives and need to be decompressed with Stuffit Expander. You also need to be sure that your web browser recognizes the ".sit" suffix as a Stuffit archive and downloads these files as binary, not text.

Where do I put schemes and how do I select them?

You can put your schemes anywhere you want. Kaleidoscope 2.0.1 no longer requires you to put them in the Kaleidoscope Color Schemes folder used by Kaleidoscope 1.x (although you can if you want). To activate a scheme, just open it by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. We recommend putting your scheme folder (or an alias to it) in the Apple Menu Items folder. If you insist on switching schemes from the control panel, you can use the Select Scheme... button or just drag a scheme onto the open control panel window. If the Finder says it cannot find an application to open the scheme, try rebuilding the desktop.

Why doesn't Kaleidoscope use the scheme's Finder icons?

Check the "Use This Scheme's...Finder Icons" box in the Scheme Settings pane.

Why are some check boxes in the Scheme Settings pane disabled?

First, if the current scheme does not offer a feature, the corresponding check box is disabled. Second, the Finder Colors feature is supported only under Mac OS 8 and 8.1, so it is disabled under System 7. Third, the WindowShade Sounds and Finder Colors options may be overridden by settings in the General Options pane. We need to redesign this to be more intuitive...

Can I use my old schemes with Kaleidoscope 2.0.1?

Yes, Kaleidoscope 2.0.1 supports all schemes designed for Kaleidoscope 1.5 and later. This does not require any conversion or changes to the scheme files.

Will Kaleidoscope be compatible with Mac OS 8.5?

Although this particular version of Kaleidoscope is not compatible with Mac OS 8.5, we intend to have a compatible version ready in time for the release of Mac OS 8.5.

Will there be a Kaleidoscope for Carbon / Mac OS X ?

It is too soon to tell. We are not yet thinking that far ahead. Right now our priorities is weathering the transition to Mac OS 8.5.

Is Kaleidoscope compatible with System 7? Mac OS 8? Mac OS 8.1?

Yes, Kaleidoscope is compatible with all of these system versions.

Are you going to offer sound support like in Allegro's themes?

No, Kaleidoscope will remain silent, except for the odd WindowShade sound.

Is there a Windows version of Kaleidoscope?

No, we do not have a Windows version of Kaleidoscope.

What happened to the spinning zoom rectangles, the Use Label Color option, and the Finder window title bar icons?

These features are not currently supported under Mac OS 8. We hope to bring back the label colors and title bar icons in a future version of Kaleidoscope, but the spinning zoom rectangles are gone for good.

What happened to the scroll bar ghost thumb?

Many applications, including Netscape and the Mac OS 8 Finder, support live scrolling, where the contents of the window move as you drag the scroll bar thumb. In these cases, Kaleidoscope does not draw its ghost thumb. This is not a bug. Since the solid thumb moves with the window contents as you drag, there is no need for a ghost thumb.

Can users design their own schemes?

Yes. The scheme file format is designed to be easy to edit using ResEdit. See the accompanying documentation for more information on the scheme format. There are also several third party guides and utilities for scheme designers available on our Kaleidoscope Scheme Archive at <http://www.kaleidoscope.net/schemes/>.

Where can I get a High-Tech scheme?

Apple does not want anybody implementing the High-Tech or Kids (Gizmo) interface designs originally planned for Copland, and now scheduled for Allegro. So, we will not produce any such schemes ourselves, nor will we post such third party schemes on our Kaleidoscope Scheme Archive.

How do I make my software Kaleidoscope-savvy?

If you are a software developer, there are several ways that you can take advantage of Kaleidoscope. First, you should make your software Appearance-savvy for Mac OS 8. Kaleidoscope hooks into the Appearance Manager so any Appearance-savvy application automatically uses Kaleidoscope's colors. If you want your software to be Kaleidoscope-savvy under System 7, you can get the colors for window backgrounds, text, tinges, and dividers from the clut resources, as documented in the Creating K1 Schemes file. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact us at support@kaleidoscope.net.

Why don't my old schemes work?

The format of the scheme files changed with Kaleidoscope 1.5, so old schemes designed for Kaleidoscope 1.0.x no longer work with this version (that is what I meant when I said that I was not supporting third party schemes for Kaleidoscope 1.0.x). However, the new format is much more flexible and easy to edit. If your favorite scheme no longer works with this version of Kaleidoscope, contact the author of that scheme and ask him to update it. There may already be an update available. You can also convert old schemes to the new format using the Scheme Updater application, available on our web site at: <http://www.kaleidoscope.net/scheme-updater.sit>.

How can I register if I don't have a credit card?

Kagi accepts payment by US check or by cash in various currencies, as well as by credit card. The Register application lists all of these payment methods, letting you create a customized registration form that you can mail or e-mail to Kagi (whose address is given on the form). For more information, see the How to Register document. Alternatively, you can register via credit card using the Kagi Online Order Processing service. Their web site is <http://order.kagi.com/?GL&S>.

How do I remove the Annoying Shareware Message?

First you must register. Once Kagi processes your payment, which can take up to a week

from when they receive it, they e-mail you a registration code in a message with subject: Thanks for your payment. The registration code is near the end of that message, so be sure to read the entire thing. To enter your registration code, open up the Kaleidoscope control panel, click the Register button at the top right, and type your code into the box it gives you. Sometimes your registration or Kagi's reply may get lost in the mail or fall through the cracks. If you do not hear back from Kagi, send them e-mail at <admin@kagi.com>. It might take Kagi a few days to respond, but they eventually sort everything out.

Can I beta test new versions of Kaleidoscope?

Thanks for offering, but we already have all the beta testers we need for Kaleidoscope. Please do not send e-mail asking to be a beta tester since the answer will always be no (no matter how well qualified you are or how nicely you ask).

What happened to the Aaron and Apple Grayscale schemes?

We renamed them Apple platinum.

Why don't schemes other than Apple platinum have Accent Colors?

First of all, this is NOT a bug or something that has been overlooked. The other schemes were not designed with accent colors in mind. It is better to think of this question the other way around: Why does the Apple platinum scheme have accent colors? Phrased this way, the answer is that accent colors are an added feature of that particular scheme which we included in order to duplicate all the functionality of the Aaron extension.

What's the difference between Espy and Espi?

Espy is a bitmap screen font that Apple uses with the Newton and AppleGuide. Espi looks essentially the same, but I have tweaked it and improved the spacing to make it work better as a system font. So, if you want to make Espy your system font, you should use our version of Espi instead. The same goes for Tekton (an Adobe font) and Tecton (our tweaked version).

Why do the BeBox popup window tabs turn blue-green?

The popup window tabs in the BeBox scheme are blue-green when collapsed, because that is the color the Be OS uses for collapsed window tabs.

Why do some dialog boxes have red backgrounds?

These dialog boxes are actually Alerts. Alerts are dialog boxes with an icon (stop, caution, note) at the top left corner and usually OK and Cancel buttons on the bottom right. Alerts require immediate attention, and so they are given red highlights to help them stand out. In the Apple platinum scheme, alerts have just a red tinged border. In some other schemes, alerts have red backgrounds.

Should the scroll bar track change color when scrolling?

Yes, in some schemes such as Onyx, the scroll bar track changes color when scrolling. This is a feature, not a bug. Isn't it cool?

Will there be other schemes?

We are working on several additional schemes which will appear with future versions of Kaleidoscope.