

elcome to the first Easter release of the world's largest collection of Apple easter eggs. This is a compilation of secrets stuffed inside of your Macintosh or Newton by Apple programmers and engineers. Easter eggs include random jokes, elaborate credit screens, or hard-to-find games that are meant to give the creator a little fame, also adding a personal touch to the best computer on earth.

The purpose of this file is to create fresh appreciation for those who made your Macintosh, and to allow you to experience a limitless, fun new world inside your computer . If you can't trigger the egg, it's still fun to read about it. I know I enjoyed learning about the Newton eggs and I have only touched a Newton once. I was told by an Apple employee that nobody at Apple is ever really involved in easter eggs. Despite management's efforts, they still manage to sneak their way into release software. Guess what... nothing in here exists according to Apple.

About This Release

Version 1.4 has all the eggs in previous versions and plenty more. All added eggs from version 1.3.5 have an Apple logo next to them (🍏). I did not have a main focus for this release but there are many excellent additions, even a peek at the first Copland easter egg ("Miscellaneous").

I also fixed spelling, corrected mistakes, and added roughly 50 more eggs to the collection. I have removed all undocumented tricks because that is not the focus of this file; they can be found in books such as Voodoo Mac and Mac Secrets. Also, with the release of DocMaker 4.6, there is a much better interface and I cleaned things up a bit. There are so many changes I can not list them all. Look around and have fun! Remember, some of the best eggs mentioned in this file are not in the most obvious of places.

I challenge anyone out there to find an egg I don't already have. If you have any other Apple Computer eggs please e-mail me at IXist@aol.com.

Click on the Apple for full details and instructions.

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I also now have instructions on finding your own easter eggs.
<-- Click on the OS logo to get there.

Out of all of the easter eggs I've seen this is the best easter egg ever. I'll

bet you don't even know it's there.

-Click on the Apple to see it.

Apple Easter Egg Web Page Here!

I have a World Wide Web page! All new eggs I find before my next release will be there. Please check it out, criticize it, and tell me what you think. But not yet; the page is still being improved, so give me some time. It should look great when I am done. There plenty of links to other people's eggs, documents, and various other things of interest there. Go to the URL: <http://members.aol.com/ixist>

Development Names

Thanks to Owen W. Linzmayer, who wrote The Mac Bathroom Reader, I now have development names for many easter eggs. You can see his huge list from his book at <http://www.eden.com/~ping/tips.html>.

A message to the Power Users and Updaters

System 7.5.2 & 7.5.3 have many changes abolishing some of the classic easter eggs including the infamous Monitors egg. I have tried my best to find new easter eggs in System 7.5.2 and only uncovered a couple. Over time I should find more. As for System 7.5.3 users, I have been unable to find time to fiddle with the System so please don't get frustrated if some of the easter eggs are not there. Thanks for your patience.

Magazine or File?

I would like to make this file more like an E-Zine with an on-line update released every 3 to 4 months. So, as a start, I am going to call this the April 1996 release, v1.4.

New Terms

I am now developing new terms for easter eggs indicating how interesting or fun they are. The stars are the equivalency.

Fried Egg *****
Hard Boiled ****
Scrambled

Over Easy **
Raw *
Rotten

(nothing)

The terms will start in the next version and all fried eggs will be marked with this icon.

National Press

It surprised me that a reference to this file was made in the April issue of MacWorld in the Questions & Tips section. Ironically, the Tips section was the area that first made me interested in easter eggs.

Gone but still here...

As you probably know, I used to have three pages in the back of my file pertaining to various eggs. Well, I figured they are fun to read but they use up too much space. These are the web sites where you can find them, or you can go to my web page and link to them from there.

- The history of the Blue Meanies:
<http://www.spies.com/greg/bluemeanies.html>
- The text in the parade:

<http://www.spies.com/greg/a9paradetext.html>

- The DogCow TechNote:

<http://www.info.apple.com/dev/dts/tn31.html>

Other corresponding sites include...

- The site with all of Greg's Easter Eggs mentioned and more pictures:

<http://www.spies.com/greg/eastereggs.html>

- The site which has the Compiler Messages and some great Apple April Fools Jokes!:

<http://www.astro.nwu.edu/lentz/mac/humor/home-mac-humor.html>

- Apple's Main DogCow page (everything you really don't need to know):

<http://www.info.apple.com/dev/dts/dogcow.html>

- Owen W. Linzmayer's code names from The Mac Bathroom Reader:

<http://www.macworld.com/tccafe/codenames.html>

- David Johnson's start-up and crash sounds page:

<http://www.rpi.edu/~johnsd10/macline/sounds.html>