Miscellaneous

Apple's eWorld On-line Night Lights
World Code Name: Aladdin

In eWorld's Town Square window, if you click in the
extreme upper-left hand corner, it changes to a night
scene.   This works for version 1.1 and possibly other
versions.   Sadly though, after April 1st this easter egg
was put to rest with eWorld's end.   I guess it would be
too much to ask for a moment of silence.   Oh well...

Apple's Silicon Valley (Finder)
System 7 Finder Code Name: Furnishings 2000 (a defunct Bay Area furniture store)

When holding down the Option key while in the Finder go up to what would
normally be "About This Macintosh..." in the Apple Menu.   Instead it will
say "About The Finder...".   Click on that and you will see a picture; after a
while it will give a list of credits at the bottom.   If the finder is past version
7.0, and the creation date of the invincible "Desktop Folder" is May 13,
1991 or later, it will have credits for all of those who created the Finder
from the Lisa on.   If Balloon Help is turned on, the drop-menu says
"Displays a dialog with the original Finder picture."   By holding down
Command and Option you will see a wacky cursor.   The picture is of Silicon
Valley.   It is the original picture from System 1.0.

The Copland Silicon Valley
Provided by Jack Frost (jfrost@crl.com)

That's right!   This picture you see below is going to replace the current
black and white silicon valley described above in Copland (System 8).   It
looks excellent in thousands or millions of colors.   I was only able to put in
here at 256 because of the space it took up.   Please go to my web page to
see the picture at a higher number of colors.

Animal Crackers
Adam Lang (thalen@cs.pdx.edu) sent me a letter saying that supposedly there was going to be a QuickTime movie addition to the "About the Finder..." window which was going to be part of the ROMs of the Macs around the time System 7 was developed. You'd have to hold down something like D and C when you selected "About the finder...". It then took the landscape under "About the finder..." and would zoom back away from it until you discover what it really is: the back of a giant dogcow! Then the credits roll...

Sadly though, there wasn't space to put it into the ROMs. On the brighter side of things, there is supposedly an extention which patches System 7 and 7.0.1 that has the DogCow movie and will run the egg. I have not been able to locate this extention.

Desktop File Modification Date (This info is here to answer a FAQ)
Using ResEdit, get info for a hidden file named "Desktop" in your hard drive. Its modification date is Fri, Jan 1, 1904 12:00:00 AM. That's a bit unusual.

Eric Olsson (eolsson@mithras.cologne.de) tells me that the reason the clock, in the desktop file, is set for time 0 in 1904 is because of those dreadful leap years that add an extra day to a persons already hectic life. It is said that a leap year will take place every four years, except the centenary years (1800, 2000...) should only be leap-years if they are divisible by 400. This, in other words, means that 1900 was not a leap year, and since the clock is programmed to have a leap year every four years, starting it in 1900 would mess it up and set the clock back a day.

Conveniently the year 2000 is a leap year, as it is divisible by 400, and so the clock will have no problem. If you do still have your trusty SE in the year 2100, though, your date may become a problem; but then again, that should be the least of your worries. As for why the date is 1904, and not some programmer's birthday, it's the beginning of a cycle, so the code that runs the clock is a little more efficient. A major issue when you're burning a 128K ROM, I should think.

Joy!
From: Alex Morando (AMORAN@aol.com)
I have found that "Joy" it is used by the Code Fragment Manager to determine that subsequent data is PowerPC code.

If you open most native/fat applications (like BBEdit, QTVR Player, and many Apple Guide Documents) using a text editor, you will see "Joy!" at the

beginning of the data fork.

Mood Swings

From: Michael Ring (MRING101@aol.com)
After restarting and holding down the Apple-Option keys to rebuild your desktop you will see the "Are you sure you want to rebuild your desktop?" window pop up.   Before leaving let's do a little exploring...

Under the Apple menu (it will be greyed), there is simple a lowercase "p". In the Edit menu there is an"m" at the very bottom of the window (in addition to the rest of the regular items in the menu), and there is a "s" present in the Special menu (again, with the rest of the menu items present also).   I'll let you figure out what that stands for...

Also, In the Labels menu beside each color is a single letter.   Those letters spell out "alanjef" vertically.   To get more info. on this go to "Labels" in the Control Panels chapter.

Recurring Oddities

The following icons can be found in the resources of many things.   The coffee cup was taken out of the ROM of a Performa 6115 (using ROMmie), the QuickTime extension, and the System File.   All of these can be found in the Systems and ROMs of most computers under the same ID's in the ICON resource.   Maybe it's an inside joke.   To clear things up, there is a hardware component known as the mixer, and if you take a look at "System Resources", in the chapter "Recent System Eggs", you will see a reference to the fridge.   However, the cup of coffee is still unclear to me.

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Unique Alias Error Message
Set the Alias flag and unset the Inited flag of a program (which is not an
alias).   Do this with ResEdit when you get info. for the program, whatever it
may be.   The result is a unique message about the problem.   I included this

because it is one of the few errors that is a bit odd saying "oops!".   It is also very hard to trigger without ResEdit.