

# MyEyes

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## What is MyEyes?

MyEyes is a small extension that draws on the menubar a pair of eyes constantly following the cursor movement.

Yes, I've already seen the Eyeballs INIT (I loved it!) and I must admit that it's a very old idea, but when I started working on color machines those poor, black & white peepers seemed to me a little dull. So, guess what! I added color and lived happy.

## Installation

MyEyes requires System 7 and color Quickdraw; Apple Events handling capability is needed too. Starting with version 2.0 the MyEyes package is formed by two distinct items: an extension named "MyEyes Extension" and a setup application named "MyEyes" followed by the version number. To install MyEyes drag the extension to your System folder. A dialog will appear telling you that extensions must be placed in the "Extensions" folder: confirm by clicking Ok.

Restart your Macintosh.

During the startup sequence, an icon will be shown reflecting the extension loading status. A crossed-out icon means that you don't have the necessary hardware/software requirements.

Use the setup application to configure MyEyes.

## Configuring MyEyes

You can configure MyEyes to suit your needs by selecting the "Settings..." option in the setup application. In the "Settings" dialog, you can change a number of parameters affecting the appearance and the behaviour of the eyes.

The various options are pretty self-explaining but you can use Balloon Help™ to get additional info.

You can change the color of both the iris and the eyelids, the frequency of the blinking and the amount of mouse inactivity time after which the eyes must go to sleep.

You can choose the eyes movement mode between normal (i.e. not focusing) or independent (chameleon-like). Finally, you can change the eyes positioning mode.

The main feature introduced with version 2.0 is the automatic eyes positioning. The eyes are now displayed after the last menu item in the menubar (like the old Eyeballs did). This is the default setting. As an alternative, you can still move the eyes using the click-and-drag technique to decide their horizontal position.

If you choose this mode, click on the eyes and keep the mouse button depressed (with no dialogs active); after a short delay a gray outline will appear and you will be able to move it horizontally to the desired position; at this point release the button and... that's all.

Finally, you can have the eyes positioned on the right side of the menubar (normally, on the left of the help menu in System 7). Unfortunately, MyEyes is still not compatible with clocks, battery minders or everything else using the same menubar space.

Note: as regards the eyelids colors, I used the terms "light skin" and "dark skin" for practical purposes only: if you find them offending or in bad taste, you have all my apologies. My intention was to give the user the opportunity to make MyEyes the more similar to his/her eyes as possible. I introduced this feature after receiving complaints for the unnatural color given to the eyelids.

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For credit card payments, send the form via Email to <shareware@kagi.com> or by FAX to +1 510 652 6589. Checks should be made out to "Kagi Shareware".  
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