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About ColorSwitch

ColorSwitch is a Control Panel that allows you to effortlessly switch between the available color modes of any attached monitors. Instead of the inconvenience of using the Monitors Control Panel every time you want to switch between color modes, you can simply hold down the ColorSwitch modifier keys and click anywhere on the monitor you want to change. A menu will pop up listing the available color modes for the monitor you clicked on; just select the color mode you want and ColorSwitch will acquiesce.

Under System 7 or later, things are even easier: ColorSwitch installs a Monitor icon-menu next to the Balloon Help menu, from which you can simply choose the color mode you desire for your main monitor.

ColorSwitch also allows you to instantly change your Mac's speaker volume, either from the icon-menu or from the popup menu.

Why Would I Use ColorSwitch?

ColorSwitch comes in very handy for many day-to-day tasks. Certain programs require that your monitor be set to a certain color mode in order to run, and using the Monitors control panel every time you need to switch color modes grows tiresome quickly. Your Macintosh will also operate more quickly if you normally operate in black and white mode, switching to a more colorful setting only when you need to. ColorSwitch makes switching color modes so quick and convenient, you will find yourself using it constantly to improve your quality of life at the computer.

The added bonus of being able to change your Mac's speaker volume from the ColorSwitch menu makes ColorSwitch a truly handy program to have around.

Requirements

ColorSwitch requires a color-capable Macintosh with 32-bit Quickdraw installed, running under System 6.05 or later. To take advantage of the Monitor icon-menu that ColorSwitch installs in the menu bar, you need to be running System 7 or later.

Installation

To install ColorSwitch, simply drag the ColorSwitch icon onto your System Folder icon. Under System 6, this will place ColorSwitch into the System Folder proper; under System 7, ColorSwitch will be placed in the Control Panels folder.

To activate ColorSwitch after you have placed it onto the System Folder icon, restart your Macintosh. You will see ColorSwitch's icon appear along the bottom of your monitor to indicate that it loaded successfully.

Once installed, ColorSwitch uses up 5K of memory.

Configuring

Under System 6, choose the Control Panel Desk Accessory from the Apple menu, scroll down to the ColorSwitch icon and click on it.

Under System 7, choose the Control Panels item from the Apple Menu, scroll down to the ColorSwitch icon and double-click on it.

Under either System, configuring ColorSwitch is identical:

The Show Startup Icon checkbox controls whether or not ColorSwitch should display its icon at startup time after it loads. ColorSwitch will still load regardless of this setting, but some people prefer to not have this icon displayed.

The About... button brings up this on-line help.

The Settings... button brings up a dialog box that allows you to choose the modifier keys ColorSwitch will use, in addition to a mouse click, to bring up the color mode menu. You may also choose if you'd like ColorSwitch to use the modifier-keys popup menu, and/or if you'd like ColorSwitch to use the System-7 icon-menu.

The On/Off radio buttons allow you to turn ColorSwitch on or off. This does not take effect until you restart your Macintosh.

Using ColorSwitch

Once you have installed ColorSwitch and configured it to suit your taste, simply hold down the modifier keys you specified and click the mouse button on any attached monitor to bring up the ColorSwitch menu. Once the menu appears, choose the color mode you desire and ColorSwitch will immediately switch the monitor to that color mode.

Under System 7, you can simply choose the color mode for your main monitor from the Monitor icon-menu that appears to the left of the Balloon Help menu.

Problems?

If ColorSwitch does not work, check to see if it displays an X-ed out icon at startup time. ColorSwitch will display this icon if it cannot load. Check the system requirements under the Requirements heading above to make sure you have an acceptable configuration for ColorSwitch to operate in.

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