

## 1.4 Changes

### Overall

- Many aesthetic and UI changes

### Administration Tool

- A new MetroTools component that is available only when logged in as root
- Is used to install/configure/remove the new MetroTools Daemon
- Easily sets various NeXT system parameters related to the Login Window (such as Login Window bouncing, dim time setting, title)

### Application Launcher

- Doesn't allow itself to be activated - looks for app with frontmost window and activates it instead
- Control tiles for new groups now appear to the left of the NeXT icon in the dock
- Buttons in control tiles are now triangles which point in the direction the group is oriented
- Fixed bug where moving a non-grid group could cause it to disappear
- Configuration changes are performed much faster
- Launcher application doesn't become active when clicked on anymore
- Autolaunch now respects setting of "Hide application tiles on launch" preference (previously always hid tiles on autolaunch)

### File Locator

- Handles selection of multiple files from File List

### Font Installer

- Added scrolling log for messages from system installation utilities

### MetroTools Daemon

- A new MetroTools component that is run at system startup time (if it is installed and

- enabled)
- Is used to run the NiteLite screensaver while the Login Window is up

### **MetroTools Shell**

- Added support for printing. Allows printing of on-line help, Archive contents, and file lists obtained by the File Locator
- FileIconView object (used by File Locator) can now handle multiple files (list is tab-delimited)

### **NiteLite**

- Correctly handles long path names for loading modules
- Minor drawing fix for thick lines in Scribble module

## **1.3 Changes**

Version 1.3 was not widely released - changes are listed under version 1.3.

### **1.2.2 Changes**

#### **Application Launcher**

- Added startup delays to avoid Workspace interference
- Added "Manually hide docks" option
- Fixed group list corruption upon removing group via Group Contents list
- Visual indicator in control tile of Top dock during autolaunch
- Double-click on control tile of hidden group brings up group's dock
- When opening documents from dock looks for app to open in App Launcher docks and launches from there instead of from Workspace

#### **Font Installer**

- Enhanced conversion process - brings in almost all "unusable" fonts received by Technical Support
- Converts binary-encoded fonts to ascii-hex encoded fonts

### **Sound Importer**

- Uses sampling rate found in the resource fork of MacRecorder files

## **1.2.1 Changes**

### **Application Launcher**

- Allows folders to be placed in docks
- Control double-clicking on a tile selects application/document/folder in main Workspace file viewer
- Brings other apps to front when it should

### **MetroTools Shell**

- Launches Mail.app correctly when sending feedback

### **NiteLite**

- Added Login Window animation
  - when activated, will move login window around after 5 minute time-out
  - is activated (from root) in NiteLite preferences panel
- Fixed BackSpace module handling in MultiModules

## **1.2 Changes**

### **Overall**

- Re-worked for NeXTSTEP 3.0 compatability

### **Archiver**

- Uses gnutar (which is included with NeXTSTEP 3.0)
  - File names can be greater than 100 characters
  - Improved performance
- Corrects problem of not all files showing up in archives
- Updates Workspace file viewers

- Waits for store of archive to complete before proceeding
- Uses standard open dialog for folder selection
- User interface generally more bulletproof

### **Application Launcher**

- Avoids "Disk Eject" bug in NeXTSTEP 3.0
- Autolaunched apps behave correctly
- Optionally launches without icons showing up in Workspace
- Uses new color application tiles on color machines
- Docks avoid being hidden
- Holding down the command key while dropping a file icon on an app tile opens the file in that app (like the NeXT dock in NeXTSTEP 3.0)
- Icons can now be dragged directly into position in the docks (dropping on the control tile adds them to the end of the group)
- Alt-double-click launches another copy of an app
- Optionally treats executable shell scripts as applications (three dots, etc.)
- Correctly tracks launching of all apps
- Notices when apps it contains are launched elsewhere
- Tidy Icons feature removed (no need in NeXTSTEP 3.0)

### **File Locator**

- Uses standard open dialog for folder selection

### **Font Installer**

- Works with Mac files mounted via NeXTSTEP 3.0
- Uses standard open dialog for folder selection

### **MetroTools Shell**

- Opens a new Mail window when sending feedback
- New formats for MetroTools and NiteLite modules
  - Use NeXTSTEP 3.0 bundles
  - Old format can still be loaded

- Supports NeXTSTEP 3.0 drag-and-drop with no MetroTools module API change
- MTselectFolder method now uses standard open panel instead of custom browser
  - Avoids network-related bugs
  - No MetroTools module API change required
- MetroTools module API enhancements for easier third-party module development
  - New API documentation to follow soon

### **NiteLite**

- NiteLite modules now use NXBundles
- NiteLite module API enhancements for easier third-party module development
  - New API documentation to follow soon
- Added two new modules:
  - MultiModules: allows random or sequential playing of multiple NiteLite modules
  - Scribble: user-configurable scribbling on your screen

### **Sound Importer**

- Works with Mac files mounted via NeXTSTEP 3.0
- Correctly handles un-named 'snd' resources
- Fixed bugs related to MacBinary sound files
- Uses standard open dialog for folder selection

## **1.1.2 Changes**

### **NiteLite**

- Fixed bug in screen locking
- Password panel in Screen Lock mode now goes away after 30 secs of inactivity

## **1.1.1 Changes**

### **Application Launcher**

- The launcher would sometimes hang when quitting applications - this has been fixed.
- The launcher would sometimes hang when re-arranging tiles - this has been fixed.
- Group tiles in the Top group's dock reflect their group's text color.
- Buttons in tiles are now correctly highlighted after double-clicking to bring up a subgroup.
- Entire groups can now be launched by holding down the command key while double-clicking on the control tile.

## **1.1 Changes**

### **Application Launcher**

- Heavily enhanced±see separate release notes for Application Launcher

### **Font Installer**

- Enhanced installation process making it significantly more bulletproof
- Enhanced font conversion process to support more fonts

### **NiteLite**

- "Slide" Show module enhanced to use new scrolling list, made more stable
- New "Blob" module

### **MetroTools Shell**

- Added "Send Feedback..." menu item for sending e-mail to Microsoft
- Window now "un-shrinks" when reselecting the same tool icon
- Added miniaturize button to MetroTools window

## **1.0.2 Changes**

### **Font Installer**

- Enhanced font conversion process to support more fonts

## **1.0.1 Changes**

### **Archiver**

- Improved extension handling
- Optionally deletes archives after decompressing them
- Optionally deletes files after placing them in archives
- Can now extract archived files into any directory
- Corrected location of Archive Contents window
- Made status more readable

### **Application Launcher**

- Can now add document files to launcher list
- Retains position of launcher list from session to session

### **File Locator**

- Corrected location of File List window
- Can now drag folder and wrapper icons from File List window
- Can double-click on icons in File List window

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### **Sound Importer**

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