

Menuette™ alters the appearance of menu titles in the menu bar (at the top of your screen). Instead of the words that normally appear (such as File and Edit), you'll see small picture icons that represent these concepts — in much the same way that you already have an Apple icon representing the Apple menu on the left, and a balloon icon representing the Balloon Help menu on the right. Makes sense, right? We're in the Nineties, and yet people are still using words! I mean, really.

Menuette allows you to quickly switch between iconic menu titles and the old-style text versions — and lets you choose your own font when you're using the text version.

Replacing the words with icons can help you in two ways. First of all, it can save a great deal of space — some programs have so many menus today that they can disappear right off the edge of the screen. The second improvement that well-chosen icons can bring to your Macintosh is speed: when you're used to them, you'll be able to pick out the icons faster than you could select the words that used to be there.

You'll also quickly find that there's a third benefit that's difficult to quantify: it just looks so damn cool. You'll get new respect from everyone in your office (in fact, you'll probably get that big promotion!).

Oh, and by the way: Menuette is shareware — software with the ultimate money-back guarantee. It's a fully functional program that you can try free of charge for up to 30 days; if you don't like it, you pay nothing. If you decide to keep it, it costs just \$15, and you'll get more cool icons when you pay.

It's somewhat like test driving a car, except that you get to keep it for a month, we tell you how much it costs before you buy it, and there's no salesman sitting in the passenger seat asking you what he'd have to do “to get you to drive this baby home today.” To prevent forgetfulness, a message will appear every five days reminding you that you are using a test copy, but that's as annoying as we get.

Anyway, there's more information about all that in the Paying for Menuette help topic, but don't worry about it now; have some fun and try it out. To do that, choose Getting Started from the popup menu above — or click on Print All Help below if you'd like to print out all of the help topics for easy reading, thus creating a manual (it uses about twelve U.S. letter-sized pages). You can also use balloon help to get information about any of Menuette's features while you explore the various windows; choose Show Balloons from the balloon help menu to do so.