

sidenote U1.7

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About:

Sidenote tries to catch the "Stickies" spirit but in the form of a multi-document drawer that will hide in the corner of your screen (left or right). You can use it to take all your daily notes, include images and easily modify text color and font.

Sidenote will automatically expand so that you will be able to drag into it any picture, text clipping or pdf file from the finder or your favorite application.

With notes auto-saving, you'll never have to save your notes. Sidenote will handle that for you. You can also print them, export them to rtf or *mail them to you friends or co-workers*.

To Install:

Drag the sidenote application from the disk image to your "Applications" folder and that's it ! You should also add sidenote to your startup items (using the "Accounts" preference panel).

Usage:

sidenote is a multi-document application, which means that you can create multiple notes which will be displayed in this single drawer.

A note can handle both text and pictures via drag&drop or using the clipboard. Also, notes are automatically saved when you quit the application or logout so saving your notes is not a necessity.

To switch from a note to another, use the popup-button on the top of the drawer. You can access most of sidenote's features in the toolbar under the notes list. From left to right:

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New Note

To create a new note.

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Delete Note

To delete a note

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Action menu

which lets you access preferences, quit the application, print notes, rename the selected note and other options.

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Save Note

Use this button to save the current note. A note is auto-saved as soon as you switch to another, but it could be useful if you use some unstable software..

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Font panel

Pushing this button will open a standard MacOS X font panel from which you can specify various aspects of your text

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Switch edge

It will move sidenote from a screen edge to another. If you want the change to be definitive, please look in the preferences.

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Clip

If you press this button the drawer will not close when mouse is dragged out of it. Very useful ! Note that it is automatically activated when you access some features of sidenote.

From the preference pane, you will be able to configure various aspects of the application: like drawer's height, the popup/popout delay, drawer's opacity, and choose to display the screen edge border. You can also assign hot-keys to actions like opening the drawer, clipping it, browsing notes, creating, saving or deleting a note. Hot-keys can now be application or system wide.

You are currently reading this text from the default note, which *can't* be removed. So just erase this text to begin your journey.

Enjoy !

Release History

sidenote 1.7 (05/30/2005)

Added :

- A default name is automatically attributed to new notes.
- You can shift-click '+' and '-' buttons to avoid confirmation messages (for note deletion or creation).
- New "Manage notes..." feature in the Action Menu: with it you can move all you note using simple drag&drop, or reorder them by color or by name. You can also delete multiple notes at the same time.
- New "Mail note" feature in the Action Menu: select a note in the drop-down menu, click "Mail note..." and it will launch Mail and create a new mail including the selected note for you. Just add the recipient address and you are ready to go.
- You can now specify the default font and font size in the preference pane.
- Separate settings for "Open drawer only with hotkeys" and "Close drawer with hotkeys".
- Minor cosmetic improvements.

sidenote 1.6.1 (05/03/2005)

Added :

- after closing the drawer, focus is now returned to the previously open application.
- fixed a bug related to colors when creating a new note.

sidenote 1.6 (05/01/2005)

Added :

- tiger compatibility
- better screen controller
- ability to move drawer vertically
- new preference to ignore mouse for drawer opening (hot-keys only)

- note renaming
- UI improvements

troubleshooting :

If you experience display bugs (it should not happen but nothing is perfect...), you should kill sidenote ("killall sidenote" in the terminal) and trash ~/Library/Preferences/org.chatelp.Sidenote.plist (in your home folder). Everything should return to normal.

sidenote 1.5 (04/18/2005)

Added :

- note colors
 - user definable Hot-keys
 - sidenote gets focus when the drawer opens (combined with the hot-keys you can edit, create, modify and browse notes without using your mouse!)
 - new clean and unobtrusive interface
 - the screen edge border can be totally hidden
 - native RTF note format (migration tool from v1.0 to v1.5 included)
 - partial french localization
- Numerous bug-fixes including partially working "drag-out" feature (problems with the finder, please do not mail me about this bug ;)

Planned :

- exposé friendly
- note renaming
- full drag&drop support
- horizontal scroll-bar and/or image resizing

sidenote 1.0 (04/05/2005)

First public release