

Application list & Don't switch menu

The application preferences dialog box displays a list of applications that are excluded from various Sloop functions.

There are three lists: Don't switch to these, Don't switch from these, and Don't switch within these. To change which list is currently being displayed, use the popup menu at the top of the dialog box.

Don't switch to these list

This list contains applications that Sloop will never switch to. In other words, if one of these applications is in the background, and you move the cursor over one of its windows, Sloop will not switch to it. This is useful for certain applications. For instance, if you have a lot of "stickies" on your desktop, you might want to add Stickies to this list. Then Sloop will not switch you to Stickies every time you move the cursor over a sticky.

Don't switch from these list

This list contains applications that Sloop will never switch from. In other words, if one of these applications is in the foreground, and you move the cursor over a window belonging to a different application, Sloop won't switch. This is useful if you have applications that don't have a lot of open windows, have small windows, or that you just don't want to switch out of. For instance, I keep ResEdit on this list.

Don't switch within these list

This list contains applications that Sloop will never switch windows within. In other words, if one of these applications is in the foreground, window focusing will be disabled and Sloop will not switch between windows. This is useful if you want to use regular click-to-switch window navigation within some applications.

To turn off switching between all applications entirely, uncheck the Focus applications box in the main preferences dialog. To turn off switching between windows within all applications, uncheck the Focus windows box in the main preferences dialog.

If you add the Finder to the Don't switch to these list, Sloop will never switch to the Finder, even if the Ignore desktop checkbox is not checked in the main preferences dialog box.

Note: In some cases, if the name of an application changes, Sloop will still work but might display the old name. In this case, you can use the Add button to

update the name.

For instance, pretend you have added an application called "My Cool Thing 2.3" to one of the "Don't switch" lists. Then you get a My Cool Thing update and the application is now called "My Cool Thing 2.4 Pro". Sloop will still use the same preferences for this application. But the Sloop Rudder may display its name as "My Cool Thing 2.3". If this happens, use the Add button to select the new application. Sloop will replace the old name with the new one.