



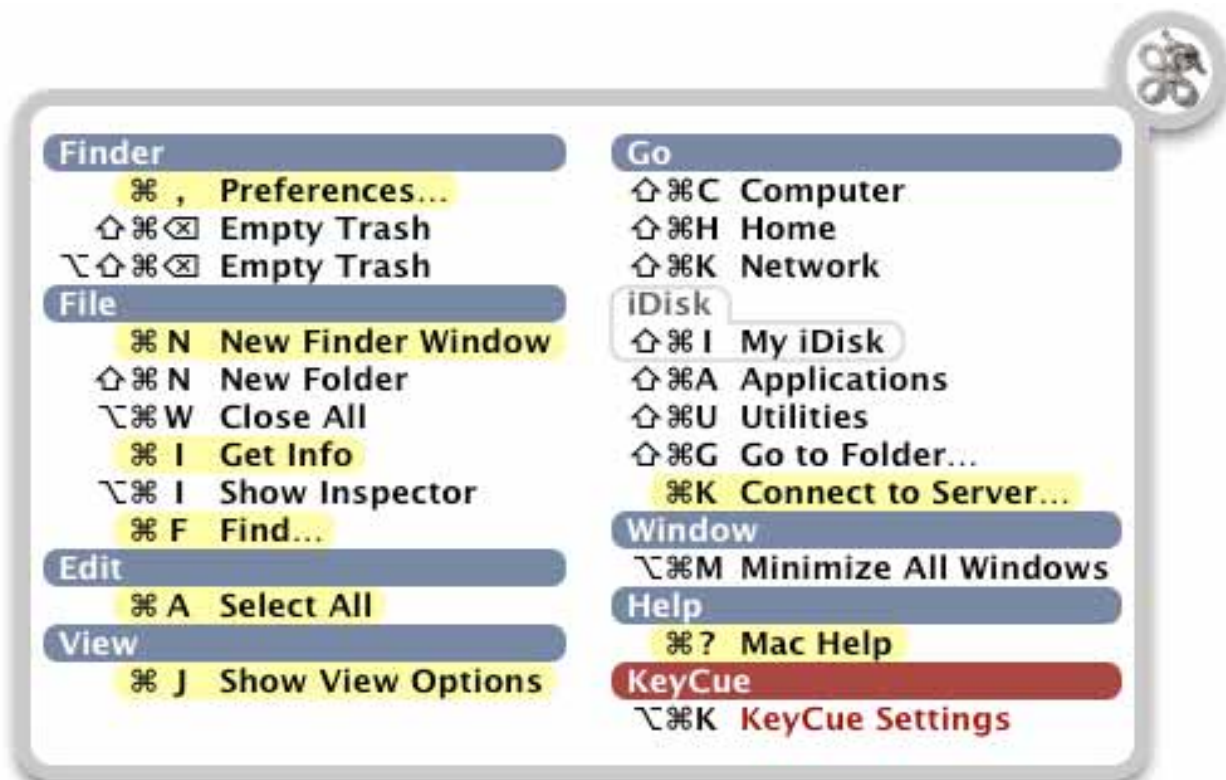
KeyCue Read Me

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About KeyCue

In a typical Mac OS X application, the most frequently needed menu items have keyboard shortcuts that let you access these menu items faster. Many applications have 40 or more menu shortcuts. Mail, for example, can have 80 or more keyboard shortcuts, depending on the current situation. Menu shortcuts may be convenient to use, but you first need to memorize them, and you must remember all of them correctly in order not to make mistakes that may lead to undesired results.

KeyCue is a simple utility application that helps you find, remember and learn keyboard shortcuts for menu items. Just hold down the **⌘** key for a while to see a table of all currently available menu shortcuts.



You don't even have to remember which key to press to invoke KeyCue; when you want to type a keyboard shortcut, you'll press the **⌘** key, anyway. If it takes longer as usual before you type the key, KeyCue comes to help and shows you which shortcuts are available right now. When you have found the desired shortcut in the KeyCue table, just type it and continue working as usual. The KeyCue window will disappear automatically until you need help about menu shortcuts again.

When you use KeyCue for a while, you will be surprised about the multitude of menu shortcuts in many applications. Since some of these shortcuts are buried in submenus, you may not even be aware that they exist. KeyCue will help you learn what applications can do and how to use them more effectively.

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System Requirements

KeyCue requires Mac OS X 10.3 (“Panther”) or newer.

Installation

To install KeyCue, simply copy it to a convenient place on your startup disk. We recommend putting it into the Applications folder. After copying KeyCue, unmount the distribution disk image and start KeyCue by double-clicking its icon. KeyCue is now active, although it does not show up in the dock. Whenever you hold down the  key, KeyCue displays a table of menu shortcuts.

KeyCue uses a feature of Mac OS X 10.3 (Panther) to check for available shortcuts in the active application. Per default, this feature is turned off, so you need to enable it when you use KeyCue for the first time: In System Preferences, select “Universal Access” and enable the checkbox “Enable access for assistive devices”. If this option is turned off, KeyCue will open System Preferences for you and tell you what to do. Please note that you need administrator privileges to enable this checkbox. If you do not have the necessary privileges, ask your system administrator to turn the option on for your Macintosh.

To install a newer version of KeyCue while another copy is still running, upgrade to the new version in these steps:

- Move the old version of the KeyCue application to the trash (but do not empty the trash yet).
- Copy the new version into the Applications folder.
- Double-click the new copy to launch it. When you start the new version, it will automatically quit the old version. Now you can safely empty the trash.

Using KeyCue

Using KeyCue is rather straightforward: Press the **⌘** key (and keep it pressed without moving the mouse or pressing another key), and KeyCue will display a table of all currently available menu shortcuts. When you press other modifier keys (such as **⌥** or **⇧**) while the KeyCue table is visible, KeyCue highlights the matching menu items or dims those items that do not match the currently pressed modifier keys.

When you finally type a shortcut or move the mouse, the KeyCue table will disappear automatically.

KeyCue Settings

You can configure many aspects of KeyCue, such as when it should display the shortcut table, which actions should cause the table to disappear and what the table should contain. To change these aspects, double-click the KeyCue icon again when KeyCue is already running. When the KeyCue table is currently visible, the last item will also include a keyboard shortcut for opening the settings window:



The default shortcut is **⌥⌘K**, but different modifier keys may be required if this shortcut is already used by the current application. You therefore must wait for the shortcut table to appear before you can open the settings window with the shortcut.

The individual settings should be rather straightforward. We suggest that you simply try the various options or point at an element in the settings window to see a brief explanation. You can test the settings immediately without confirming the changes by clicking the OK button. If you think that the settings need a more detailed explanation, please let us know.

Registering KeyCue

KeyCue is distributed on a "try before you buy" basis. Unless you have a license key, KeyCue will display all available shortcuts only for the first 10 invocations. Thereafter, most shortcuts appear with the symbol "**Ⓢ**" instead of the key, along with a message that you must register KeyCue with a license key to see all shortcuts.

You can order a license key directly on our web pages:

<http://www.macility.com/store/>

For your convenience, the “Registration” section of the KeyCue settings dialog contains an “Order” button that takes you directly to our online store.

Once you have received your license key, enter it in the “Registration” section of the KeyCue settings dialog and click the “Register” button to unlock KeyCue.

Uninstalling KeyCue

To uninstall KeyCue permanently, perform these steps:

- Open the KeyCue settings window.
- In the “Activation” section, turn “Automatically start at login” off.
- Click the Quit button in the bottom left corner.
- Delete the KeyCue application.

When you launch KeyCue for the first time, it installs a scripting extension in Library/ScriptingAdditions within your home folder. The name of this scripting extension begins with “KeyCue”. If you will no longer use KeyCue, you can delete this scripting extension as well.

Contacting Us

If you have any further questions or wish to report a problem, please send an e-mail message to <keycue-support@macility.com>. We also would like to hear from you if you just want to tell us that you like KeyCue or you would like to suggest an improvement or additional feature. In any case, please include the following information in your reports:



- Macintosh model
- Mac OS X version
- Version number of KeyCue

If you wish to report a problem with incorrect shortcuts being displayed for a particular application, please also include

- the version number of the application,
- a detailed description of the situation (what’s in the front window, what is selected in the window; where is the insertion point).

If you need to illustrate a problem with a screen snapshot showing the KeyCue table, you can use the Grab application in Applications/Utilities:


- Launch Grab.
- Select “Timed Screen” from the Capture menu.
- Move the “Timed Screen Grab” window into a corner of the screen.
- Click “Start Timer”.

- Switch to the application in which you want to use KeyCue.
- Press the  key to display the KeyCue table.
- Wait until Grab beeps; continue pressing the  key until the “Timed Screen Grab” window disappears.
- Save the snapshot as a TIFF file and include it with your problem report.

Thank you for your cooperation. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Known Issues

KeyCue uses a couple of sophisticated techniques to discover the available menu shortcuts within the current application. Although these techniques work well for the vast majority of Macintosh applications, you may come across one of the following deficiencies:

- Some applications have menu shortcuts with special characters. KeyCue cannot correctly display shortcuts that require certain special keys such as the arrow keys or function keys. A bullet (“•”) or apple symbol (“-]”), KeyCue will include them in the shortcut table, although you cannot use these shortcuts.

We are currently investigating these issues and hope to fix them in future KeyCue versions. If you come across anything else that does not work as expected, please let us know by sending a problem report to <keycue-support@macility.com>.

Version History

1.0

First official release. Compared to the “final candidate” version 1.0fc, only the version number has changed.