

Version history

July 1997

Sloop 1.0.2 is an update to allow Sloop to recognize MacOS 8 Appearance-enabled applications and the MacOS 8 Finder. In addition, Sloop now recognizes windows in F-Secure, InterScript, and OpenDoc parts like CyberDog. The RAM requirements for the Sail have been cut almost in half. The Sloop Rudder is now “Kaleidoscope-savvy.” (Check out the cool new look! To see this you must be using “Kaleidoscope,” a shareware program by Greg Landweber, Ed Voas, and Fred Bass). Sloop now recognizes the windows of applications opened in the background (e.g. with an AppleScript), without users having to manually bring the applications to the foreground at least once.

This is primarily a maintenance release so other than these compatibility fixes, Sloop 1.0.2 includes no new features or user interface changes. (Don’t worry, I haven’t forgotten the feature suggestions I’ve received! Expect to see some of them in future versions. MacOS 8 and OpenDoc compatibility took a higher priority this time around).

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Sloop 1.0.1 fixes a few bugs, and adds one new feature. Specifically, here are the fixes: Conflict Catcher no longer reports damaged resources in the Sail; the help screen no longer reloads if you choose the same topic from the popup menu; the Sail resource fork should be more stable; I fixed a problem where in some applications it wouldn't select windows if only the bottom of a window was showing; you can now add old-style desk accessories to the application lists; I fixed a problem with artificial clicks on the scroll bars in some applications; the Rudder now correctly handles the hiliting of the "Factory" button; the Rudder is now compatible with NoBalloonMenu; there is now better error reporting; and the help topics menu now has separators.

The new feature is this: you can tell Sloop not to switch when the command key is held down.

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Sloop 1.0 is the first public release of Sloop.

March 1997

Sloop 0.9.x beta are the beta releases of Sloop. These versions are to be distributed through email to beta testers only and are not meant for general distribution. They should not be included in any online archives or put on any CD-

ROMs. If you are using Sloop 0.9.x beta and are not a beta tester, please wait until the final version 1.0 is released since several improvements will probably be made.

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Versions of Sloop before 0.9 beta are in-house development and alpha versions.