

Desktop Resetter 1.1.1

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Requirements

Any 68k or PPC machine running Mac OS 7.5 or higher. This program is Mac OS 8.0 and 8.1 savvy.

If you are running 7.x.x, be sure to have Object Support Lib and CFM-68K Runtime Enabler installed in your machine. These files can be obtained from Apple's web site:

<http://www.info.apple.com/swupdates/>

The CFM-68K Runtime Enabler is only needed for 68k machines.

What's New?

Due to high demand from users, Desktop Resetter now supports moving the Trash can

and disk icons (hard drives).

For a full list of new stuff, check the Version History down at the bottom of this document.

The Idea

Desktop Resetter is a "simple" utility that can be darn useful. I originally created it for my own use; whenever I would switch the resolution of my monitor, the icons on my desktop would get all screwed up.

Like many others, I am very picky about my icon placement... and playing a game or something similar always costs me by having to move my icons back to their proper positions, due to a resolution switch.

When I mentioned this to my friends and co-workers, they all agreed that they have had the same trouble!

How To Use Desktop Resetter

First, set your icons to the way you would like them to be positioned, so when you 'reset' them, they go back to this home position.

Next, run Desktop Resetter. Choose Remember.

That's it, now your icons are programmed and ready to be reset whenever their positions get screwed up. This occurs by switching resolutions on a multi-res monitor, choosing 'Clean Up' from the Finder, letting little kids or novices touch your computer, etc... (The icons can always be re-remembered, if you don't like your current set-up.)

The next time the positions get screwed up, run Desktop Resetter, choose 'Reset' and wait a few seconds... or if you have a lot of icons and a slow computer, just continue working and it will do its work in the background.

Once its done, all of the icons that you had 'programmed' will return to their home positions!

There is now a Settings dialog, in which you can set 'hot keys' when opening Desktop Resetter.

Quick Remember will make the program skip the main menu and automatically begin Remembering your icon positions. Just choose which hot keys you want to have held down when Resetter is launched and it will Quick Remember. You can also have no

keys, and it will auto remember when launched with no keys held down.

Quick Reset is the same as Quick Remember, but instead, switches directly to the Reset portion of the program.

For example, you can have Desktop Resetter automatically fix your icons when you open it. Just go to the Settings dialog and choose Quick Reset. Then, in the using this key area, choose none (leave all boxes unselected). Whenever the program is launched, it will automatically go to the reset dialog and automatically exit!

Auto Switch to Background will make Desktop Resetter automatically switch to the Finder, and it will do its operations in the background and automatically exit.

A good idea is to have Desktop Resetter in your Startup Items and have the above settings, so when you launch your computer, it will automatically fix your icons!

Whew! What a time-saver!

The Verify Remember Dialog option is included for the users who complained about Desktop Resetter verifying with you that you are about to Remember your icons when pressing the Remember button, and to make sure that you have them set correctly. You can now toggle this alert when clicking the Remember button by choosing this option.

If you get stuck and want to get the main menu to change Resetter's settings, you can bypass any hot keys by holding down the command key when launching Desktop Resetter.

Users experienced with this program may notice there is a resolution option on the main menu. This is because Desktop Resetter now supports multi-resolutions. In other words, you now can remember icon positions for each monitor resolution (640x480, 832x624, etc.) Resetter now will automatically fix the icons appropriately for each resolution.

Shareware

This program is shareware. If you use it on a regular basis, please support shareware and send \$10 to:

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If you have any problems, questions, or comments, direct them to:
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Distribution

This program may be freely distributed as long as you include this Read Me along with it. It may be placed on CD-ROM as long as you send me an e-mail letting me know your review.

Version History

1.0 - Final release

1.1 - Removed second stop dialog after doing a "Remember" due to user complaints.

Fixed About Box, had font problem and some text clipping would occur.
Updated docs.

Added support for disk icons and the Trash can.

Added a wait dialog procedure to the remember part of the program.

Added support for command keys.

Added support for desk accessories, etc.

Fixed bug with Sys 7.5 - 7.6 machines, which caused icons to jump up 20 pixels when reset.

Added support for multi-resolutions! It now keeps a prefs folder on the desktop which contains a desktop snapshot for each monitor resolution!

Added support for quick remembering and quick resetting! No more main menu, now you can just double click the program and your on your way!

Added support for auto-switching. This means that you can have Desktop Resetter automatically switch to the Finder when it is resetting or remembering icons.

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Fixed problem on some machines where it would report 'Finder Error' when auto switch to background was turned on.