Introduction

StuffIt has been the industry standard for compression and archiving since its introduction in 1987. Early in 1990, Aladdin Systems launched StuffIt Deluxe™, which introduced many new features into the original StuffIt. A few of these features have found their way into StuffIt Lite; longtime users of StuffIt may see some new, welcome additions. These additions led people, like yourself, to award the entire StuffIt family the 1993 and 1994 Macworld World Class Awards. Thank you for supporting StuffIt all these years.

StuffIt Lite works with System 6.0.4 or later and all versions of System 7, is 32-bit clean, and compatible with virtual memory and '040 caching. StuffIt Lite can be controlled with scripting systems such as AppleScript™ and UserLand Frontier™ software.

Throughout this User's Guide you will see the words StuffIt and StuffIt Lite used interchangeably.

Why use StuffIt Lite?

Gathering many files into an archive allows you to transmit many files as one file over a modem or network. Compression of the files saves disk space and on-line time when transmitting or receiving files by modem or through a network. Compression of rarely used files also allows you to better utilize available disk space. StuffIt Lite is a shareware product. Shareware means that you can give it away to your friends as long as you don't charge for it. (Please make sure you give away the StuffIt Lite installer, not the individual parts of the product.) It also means that, if you use it, you are expected to pay a registration fee of $30. Raymond Lau and Aladdin Systems expect that as a Macintosh user you'll support our honor system.

Why use StuffIt Deluxe?

The StuffIt Deluxe package is StuffIt Lite's big brother. It includes many more benefits and features than StuffIt Lite. If you are a registered StuffIt Lite user, we have an inexpensive tradeup policy for you to get StuffIt Deluxe; just call Aladdin Systems for pricing information: (408) 761-6200.

To learn more about StuffIt Deluxe, just click "About StuffIt Deluxe...".

bout the Author

StuffIt was written by Raymond Lau with the help of a few other people. Work on StuffIt started around July 1987 (when Raymond was in high school) and has continued ever since. In April of 1989, Aladdin Systems assumed marketing, publishing, and development responsibilities for the StuffIt family of products. Aladdin is devoted to continuously improving and updating the StuffIt family of compression software. We welcome your suggestions or other input.

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What do   I need to use StuffIt Lite?

StuffIt Lite works on any Macintosh family computer with at least 2 megabytes of memory. StuffIt Lite requires System 6.0.4 or later.

What do I need to know to use StuffIt Lite?

This User's Guide assumes that you know how to operate the Macintosh and are familiar with the basic Macintosh terminology such as point, click, drag, and the Finder. If you aren't familiar with these terms, you should refer to the Macintosh User's Guide to learn the basic operations of using the Macintosh.

What constitutes the StuffIt Lite product?

The StuffIt Lite product is contained within an installation application called "StuffIt Lite™ 3.6 Installer". Upon doing a standard install, the following items will be placed on your hard disk in the "StuffIt Lite™ Folder".

1. The "StuffIt Lite™" application;
2. A "Read Us First!" folder which contains documents with up-to-date information on the software; and
3. The "StuffIt Lite User's Guide" document, which you are reading now.

The following items will be placed on your hard disk in the specified folder.
1. The "StuffIt Lite Preferences" file is placd in your Preferences folder, inside the System Folder, once you launch the StuffIt Lite™ application; and
2. The "Aladdin" folder is placed in your Extensions folder, in the System Folder. The Aladdin folder contains a "Translators" folder for Translator plug-in modules. See the Translators chapter for more information.

As a registered user, you will always receive the most recent version of the software and be assured that you have the complete product. If you are unsure that you have all the pieces or the current version, contact Aladdin Systems.

Registering Your Copy

StuffIt Lite is publicly distributed as shareware. It is not a free product. You can use the product on a trial basis for up to 15 days and if you wish to continue using it, you must pay a registration fee of $30. Your registration fee entitles you to special benefits including technical support, enhanced features, and special product offers. The last page of this User's Guide contains a registration form for you to complete and send to Aladdin Systems. Be aware that after 15 days, the software will continue to function; we just expect you to register the software within that time.

When you have registered your copy of StuffIt Lite, you get the added functionality of being able to open up to eight (8) archives at one time. With eight archives, you'll have the ability to drag Stuffed items between the archives. In addition, you will be able to encrypt archives to keep them from prying eyes. As a registered user, you will also be able to access scriptability available through AppleScript and UserLand Frontier. Registering will also stop annoying "Please Register" dialog boxes from appearing :-)

We encourage you to give the StuffIt Lite package to your friends so that they too may enjoy the benefits of file compression and archiving. Be sure to give them the original StuffIt Lite Installer and remind them that the copy they get should be registered!