StuffIt.Frontier

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Comments, questions and suggestions are welcome!

Background

UserLand Software is the developer and publisher of the UserLand Frontier scripting system. Frontier 1.0 was released in January 1992, Frontier 2.0 in October 1992.

Frontier scripts can control the Macintosh operating system, file system, networks and applications that support System 7 Apple Events.

Aladdin Systems and UserLand Software have been working collaboratively on making StuffIt and Frontier compatible. This means that you can automate StuffIt with Frontier scripts, and integrate its capabilities with other Apple Event-aware applications.

More information about scripting with Frontier is available by downloading INFO.KIT from Library 8 at GO USERLAND on CompuServe, or at the top level of the UserLand Discussion Board on AppleLink. The remainder of these notes are for people who already have Frontier.

How to Install

Be sure Frontier is running, then double-click on the StuffIt.Frontier icon in the Finder. A script runs, installing a new StuffIt application table and a shared menu for StuffIt in your Frontier database.

After importing the install file, open the Quick Script window in Frontier and enter:

>   **Stuffit.launch ()**

and then press the Enter key. You will be asked to locate your copy of StuffIt. The program launches. Save changes in the Frontier object database by pressing cmd-S. The next time you launch StuffIt from Frontier it will remember where to launch it from.

Check out the StuffIt.examples table for ideas on writing Frontier scripts that work with StuffIt. To open the table, press cmd-J and enter:

>   **StuffIt.examples**

Many of the scripts and oneLiners in this table work with the test archive that's included in the package.

Also included is a test archive that's used by many of the sample scripts and oneLiners.

The ShipIt Droplet

Drop a file or a folder on the ShipIt icon, and it creates an archive in a fixed folder. It's very handy to keep on your desktop if you do a lot of uploads.

The new archive's name is the same as the file/folder's name with a .sea or .sit at the end, depending on whether it's a self-extracting archive.

ShipIt has an Options menu that allows you to set the file format version (1.5.1 or the current version), allows you to set the destination folder, and allows you to create self-extracting archives.

For more information on droplets, see the Extras folder in Frontier 2.0.