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## oDesktopCleanup 1.1.4 documentation - March 1995

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- ◇ There's still another thing you could do: I'll finish my physics studies sometime in 1996 and I'm looking for a **one-year job** as a programmer (or maybe a scientist?) outside of Italy. Write to me if you have anything to offer.
- ◇ If you can't afford any of the above, a **postcard** or a **letter** will be welcome. I speak English, French and Italian. Please forgive me if I don't answer to all of your letters - I am often overloaded with my school work.

### • Introduction

- ◇ NoDesktopCleanup is a cool control panel that lets you **add a confirmation dialog** to any **menu item** in any application. The unusual name comes from the original task I wrote this control panel for: **disabling** the annoying "**Clean Up Desktop**" and "**Clean Up All**" menu items in the Finder, which often make one's life miserable by moving all the icons on the desktop away from their carefully chosen locations. The "**Restart**" and "**Shut Down**" menu items can also be nasty, especially if your Mac has software power-off; I already took care of them with the Shutdown Delay control panel, but NoDesktopCleanup lets you cancel before all applications are closed.
- ◇ Version 1.1 has a useful **auto-confirm timer** which prevents your Mac from hanging forever when it's working alone and there's no user to press the "OK" or "Cancel" buttons.
- ◇ Another thing you can do with NoDesktopCleanup is to **disable** menu items altogether (without any user confirmation). If you leave stuff in the trash and you don't want your kids to empty it, just disable the "**Empty Trash**" menu item. When you really have to empty it you can open the control panel, turn it off with the main switch, empty the trash, then turn it back on. The whole thing takes a few seconds, but it can be a real lifesaver.

### • The control panel

- ◇ The NoDesktopCleanup control panel allows you to **view** and **edit** the menu items you want to disable or confirm. The following commands are available in the control panel:
  - ◇ **New**: Creates a new menu item and brings up the menu item editor window.
  - ◇ **Edit**: Brings up the menu item editor for the selected menu item. Beeps if no menu item is currently selected.
  - ◇ **Delete**: Deletes the selected menu item after asking if it's OK to do so. This operation cannot be undone. Beeps if no menu item is selected.
  - ◇ **Info**: Displays this text and lets you save it as a text file. You may also save a text file with your personal registration form, which can be printed with TeachText or any other text editor.
- ◇ The **menu items list** displays all currently defined menu items in alphabetical order. You may **double click** on a menu item to edit it (same as the Edit button).
- ◇ The **on/off** master switch enables and disables NoDesktopCleanup.

### • Shortcuts

- ◇ Typing some **characters** when the control panel is open selects the first menu item in the list whose **name** matches the characters typed. You should not use the shift key while typing because it is used for NoDesktopCleanup's button

shortcuts.

- ◇ Some **keys** may be used as **shortcuts** when NoDesktopCleanup's control panel is the front window. These shortcuts need the **shift** key; I could not use the command key because the Finder doesn't let control panels use it.
- >> **Shift-N** = new menu item
- >> **Shift-E** = edit menu item
- >> **Backspace** = delete menu item
- >> **Shift-I** = info & registration
- >> **Return** or **enter** = select none
- >> **Down arrow**, **right arrow** or **tab key** = select next menu item
- >> **Up arrow**, **left arrow** or **shift-tab** = select previous menu item

## • Notes

- ◇ Some versions of the Finder appear to have an **invisible "space" character** at the end of the "Shut Down" menu item. If typing "Shut Down" alone doesn't work, you may either add a space at the end of the menu item name or mark it as partial. The same hints apply to any other menu item you can't get to work properly.

## • Installation

- ◇ **System 7**: Move the NoDesktopCleanup control panel to your Control Panels folder (inside the System folder) and restart your Macintosh. Open the Control Panels folder and double click on NoDesktopCleanup's icon to configure it.
- ◇ **System 6**: Move the NoDesktopCleanup control panel inside your System folder and restart your Macintosh. Open the Control Panel desk accessory to configure it.

## • Distribution

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## • Version history

- ◇ **1.1.4** - Added pictures and a contents menu to the online documentation.
- ◇ **1.1.3** - Cleaned up the code and updated documentation.
- ◇ **1.1.2** - Fixed a minor incompatibility with Okey Dokey, thanks to Brian A. Foster for reporting it.
- ◇ **1.1.1** - Removed a couple of lines from this documentation.
- ◇ **1.1** - Added auto-confirm timer option.
- ◇ **1.0** - First public release.

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## • Disclaimer

- ◇ NoDesktopCleanup should never cause any damage, but you're using it at your own risk. As an independent software developer, I can make **no warranties** whatsoever on it.

## • Have fun!

- ◇ And don't forget to **register** your copy of NoDesktopCleanup, so that more cool utilities will see the light in the future at the low costs of shareware.