

Contextual Menus

Contextual Menus are a new feature of Mac OS 8. A contextual menu lists commands that apply to the object your mouse pointer is on. Contextual menus are normally activated by Control-clicking the object for which you want the contextual menu to appear; the exact commands available depend on the nature of that object. In the Mac OS 8 Finder, contextual menus can appear almost anywhere — in folders and in most places on the desktop. You can also control-click on “empty” Finder areas, where there are no Finder objects, such as the desktop or the white space between icons in a Finder window. In either case, the contextual popup menu lists commands suitable for the item you’re clicking (a file or folder icon, a desktop printer icon, or a window.)

FinderPop is a contextual menu enhancer for the Mac OS 8 Finder; it adds various submenus to the Finder’s contextual menus, as shown:

The result of control-clicking a folder icon in the Finder without FinderPop installed (left), and with FinderPop installed (right.) Note the five extra submenus. These are discussed in the FinderPop Submenus chapter...