

# Human Interface Note

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**Note #0**

**Welcome to Human Interface Notes**

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Human Interface Note #0 (this document) accompanies each release of Human Interface Notes. This release includes revisions to Human Interface Note 8 and new Human Interface Notes 9-10. These documents are written and produced by the Macintosh Human Interface Group and published in conjunction with Developer Technical Support for all Apple developers.

These documents correct and enhance the *Human Interface Guidelines: The Apple Desktop Interface*; they also incorporate and supersede the previously released “Human Interface Updates.” This means that all you need is the *Human Interface Guidelines* and these documents to stay abreast of the latest recommended interface guidelines (unless, of course, you want to be on the very cutting edge of interface technology and read Tog’s article in *Apple Direct* every month). These documents and the book will eventually be incorporated into a single, comprehensive human interface reference, but you’ll need both until that time.

These documents are not done in a vacuum. Many of the guidelines you see are a direct result of developer feedback. If you have any questions or ideas for interface extensions or clarifications, please contact the Macintosh Human Interface Group at one of the following electronic addresses:

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