

# The Info Menu

If an application doesn't support any of the commands in the Info menu except Info Panel, it should dispense with the menu and make the Info command bring up the panel instead. (The command would then be followed by three dots.)

**Info Panel...** The Info panel displays a small amount of basic information about the application, including its name, the application icon, copyright information, the current version number, and possibly the names of its authors.

**Help...** Brings up a panel with helpful information on how to use the application, or with instructions on how to get that help.

**Preferences...** The Preferences panel lets users set application-specific preferences that carry over from session to session. An application should not have any preferences that are not settable in some way from within the application.

A License command is an example of the kind of thing that could be added to this menu.

The Info Panel should not offer help for using the application or give an extensive amount of other information about it (e.g., its history or purpose). If you have other information that you want to give users about your application, you should add a command, immediately after the Info Panel command, to bring up another panel with this information. The command should be <sup>a</sup>About X<sup>o</sup> where X is the name of the

application.