Quick Start

These instructions are a brief introduction to The Tilery's features. To learn more about The Tilery, please read the other chapters in this document by selecting them from the Chapters menu, or by clicking the scroll bar and buttons at the bottom of this window.

See The Tilery's "Help" menu for complete instructions. This chapter is only a brief overview and summary.

Installation: No special installation is necessary; just copy The Tilery to your hard disk.

You also don't need to uninstall The Tilery. It doesn't modify your system in any way, except to create a preferences file in the system Preferences folder.

Starting up: Just double-click The Tilery to launch it. Tiles for open applications will automatically be displayed, and will appear and disappear as you open or quit the applications.

To launch The Tilery automatically at system startup: Click once on The Tilery, and choose Make Alias from the Finder's File menu. A new file will be created named "The Tilery alias". Drag this file into the Startup Items folder that is in your System folder.

Application Switching: To bring an application to the front, click its tile.

Quitting The Tilery: Bring The Tilery to the front and choose Quit from its File menu.

Remembered Tiles: Normal tiles can only represent applications, and are visible only when the application they represent is open. "Remembered" tiles are always visible, and can launch an application if it isn't already open, or will just bring the application forward as usual if it is open.

There are three ways to create a remembered tile:

(1) âŒ˜-click a tile; a pop-up menu will appear. Choose Remember Tile from the menu. (If there is no "Remember Tile" in the menu, then the tile is already a remembered tile.)

OR

(2) Drag an item (such as an application, document, or folder) from a Finder window, and drop it on The Tilery's icon in a Finder window. The Tilery will come to the front and create a remembered tile for the item.

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(3) Drag an item from a Finder window, and drop it on The Tilery's tile. The Tilery will come to the front and create a remembered tile for the item. This method works only if your system supports Macintosh Drag and Drop.

Other Kinds of Tiles: You can create remembered tiles for documents, folders, volumes, control panels, and the Trash, as well as for applications. Use the above methods 2 or 3: just drag the item to The Tilery's icon or tile, and drop it. Clicking a document's tile will open the document, automatically launching its application if necessary. Clicking a folder's tile will open the folder's window in the Finder. Clicking a control panel's tile will open the panel if necessary, and bring it to the front. Clicking a Trash tile will open the Trash window in the Finder.

Drag and Drop: If your system software includes Macintosh Drag and Drop, you can drag document icons from Finder windows and drop them on application tiles to have the application open the documents. If the application is not already open, it will be automatically launched. You can also drag icons onto folder tiles to move or copy them into the folder, onto a Trash tile to move them into the Trash, and so on.

Macintosh Drag and Drop is included in System 7 Pro and in System 7.5 and later, and in all versions of Mac OS 8.

Placing Tiles: The Tilery offers a great deal of control over where your tiles appear on your monitor. See Tile Placement in the Help menu for details.

Finding Tiles: Often your tiles will be hidden behind the windows of other applications. You can easily bring the tiles to the front by moving the mouse into a "hot spot" corner of your screen. The default hot spot is the upper-left corner, but you can choose which corners will and won't be hot spots by selecting Hot Spots from the Preferences menu. See Hot Spots in the Help menu for details.

Using the Keyboard: If The Tilery is frontmost, you can select any tile by typing

the first few characters of its name, and then "click" the tile by pressing the Return key. You can also assign hotkeys that will "click" tiles no matter what application is frontmost. See Keyboarding in the Help menu for details.

Tile Menus: Each tile has a pop-up menu that offers many convenient commands, such as Find Original, Get Info, Remember Tile and Forget Tile, and others. You can pop up the menu either by clicking and holding on a tile for about a second (the menu will appear after a brief delay), or by âŒ˜-clicking a tile (which produces the menu immediately). Contextual menus are also available by control-clicking the tile, although this will not be useful unless you have added Contextual Menu plug-ins to your system. See Tile Menus in the Help menu for details.

Deference: The Tilery will often wind up frontmost after you quit some other application. You can request instead to have the next application behind The Tilery, or the Finder, brought forward instead. See the Defer menu items in the Preferences menu, and see Deference in the Help menu for details.

Everything Else: Full on-line help is available under the Help menu. You should at least skim the on-line help so that you'll know what features are available, even if you don't need to learn and use all of The Tilery's features right away. It won't take long to glance through it all, even if you hate reading manuals. Honest!