MetroTools™ 2.1 Demo

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This is a demo version of MetroTools 2.1. This version runs on NeXT and Intel computers running NEXTSTEP 3.1 and 3.2. The demo version will run for our hour at a time. The Font Installer is also crippled in that it will only convert the two supplied sample fonts.

IMPORTANT: If upgrading from a previous version of MetroTools, please read the document titled BEFORE_UPGRADING now.

Product Overview

These six utilities enhance your NEXTSTEP productivity.

MetroTools[™] is the premier utilities package for NEXTSTEP computers. It includes the most requested utilities in one inexpensive and easy-to-use bundle. It will extend your dock, save and lock your screen, convert and install fonts and sounds. It will help you find your files and allow you to quickly compress, examine and decompress file archives. MetroTools works cooperatively with the Workspace Manager so that you can drag icons from the Workspace and drop them into the MetroTools well.

The dock extender is regarded as the most powerful available and operates as a natural extension of the NEXTSTEP dock. You can crate groups of applications and documents, show their names, use miniature icons, launch complete groups with a single double-click and much, much more.

NiteLite™ is a full featured screen saver which allows you to have an animated Workspace backdrop, or slide show of your favorite images. It can lock your screen without logging out. NiteLite™ comes with an assortment of modules. The user can choose to run multiple modules simultaneously and also run the screen saver while the NEXTSTEP login window is up.

Font Installer greatly simplifies the process of installing fonts, and converting Macintosh-based PostScript fonts for use on your NEXTSTEP computer. In fact you can install megabytes worth of fonts in a variety of formats, using a single drag followed by a button click.

Using the Demo

To use the demo version of MetroTools, it is best to place it into the LocalApps folder or into the Apps folder contained in your home folder.

MetroTools contains full on-line help inside the program. Please skim through it to acquaint yourself with the tools and their operation. Sample Macintosh fonts and sounds have been provided in a folder on Disk 2, for use with the Font Installer and Sound Importer.

Also, please refer to the on-line release notes (they can be found under the Release Notes item of the MetroTools Info menu) for information specific to this release.

Thanks for taking the time to try out MetroTools. We hope you find it as useful and enjoyable as our existing customers and reviewers have.

Documentation...

All documantation is "on-line". In the MetroTools menu (located in the left hand upper corner) click on "Info"menu item. It will open to the right - click on "Help" menu item. All information about MetroTools and how to use it is contained here. MetroTools is also set up for context-sensitive help. Just click on an area of the MetroTools panel that you have a question about while holding down the "Help" key - the F1 key on Intel computers or the combination of Alternate and Control keys on NeXT computers. This will bring you to the exact spot in the on-line documentaion that pertains to that area.

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