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A KSA Scheme Competition Entry

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This is a color scheme designed for Kaleidscope 1.7.3 (and later versions), a shareware control panel created by Greg Landweber, Fred Bass and Amargosa Software. It will work with versions 1.5 and up, but is best viewed at 1.7 or higher.

CheckerWork is an exercise in using conventional Macintosh interface features, with recognizable widgets, arrows, thumbs and so forth. Well, at least that's how it started. It includes accent colors--select one of eighteen color accents to display in the scheme's scroll thumbs, highlit menus, and progress bars in the Kaleidoscope control panel, and call up the panel to change to another accent color when you're tired of the one you're using. The use of just one color variant for the indeterminate progress bar ("barber pole"), visible in MacOS8, is deliberate, not oversight.

CheckerWork includes a number of desktop patterns designed to coordinate/contrast with the different accent colors. It wasn't necessary (nor desirable) to create one pattern for each accent color; many will work with more than one change of color. It also includes custom icons.

Requirements

Any Macintosh capable of running Kaleidoscope and the
Kaleidoscope 1.5 (or above) control panel, available from http://www.kaleidoscope.net/ CheckerWork was created to use with 256 colors or more. The patterns in the menus and the menu bar will not be visible in any version of Kaleidoscope lower than 1.7, and further, a number of small bugs with earlier versions of Kaleidoscope have been resolved in 1.7.3, making this, or a later version, the one recommended for this scheme. The resources have been included for lower color bit modes. As with all software (and Kaleidoscope schemes), use it at your own risk.

Installation

Drop the scheme (NOT this read-me) into the Kaleidoscope color schemes folder located inside your extensions folder (in your system folder). Drag it into your color scheme folder, close the folders, open the control panel, and select the scheme's icon.

Distribution

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Freeware

MHG competition schemes are freeware.

Version History

Version 1.0. October 23, 1997. This is the first version of CheckerWork.

How to Reach Me and See My Schemes

Midnight Hour Graphics schemes are primarily designed in the low-cost paint program Color It!, and then moved into Kaleidoscope where they undergo a number of iterations. Please contact Patricia Erigero if you notice bugs or glitches. I can be reached via e-mail at: pce@ncal.net.

Midnight Hour Graphics web page is located at: http://www.mother.com/~pce

My schemes, and others, can also be seen and downloaded at:

The Kaleidoscope Scheme Archives
http://www.kaleidoscope.net/

and can be linked to from:

Kaleidoscope Scheme Directory http://www.akamaidesign.com/kaleidoscope.ksd.html

My schemes are also included at the MacIntosh HyperArchive (Info-Mac), at a number of shareware sites on the net, and in several shareware cd-roms recently released, and are periodically and unpredictably featured at such www locations as Chez-Mac, the (now defunct/transformed) MacUser download library, and other shareware/freeware web sites.

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