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## PLEASE REGISTER!!!

This document is shareware. That means that if you use it, you are expected to pay for it.

"What? Why should I pay anything for it?"

Well, the fact that you downloaded The InformInit, or that you visited the Mac Pruning Pages, proves that having all this information in one place, and not having to spend a large number of hours (or even days or weeks or months... hey, I've been doing it for over a year!) searching through every Apple Tech Note, Web page, book, manual, etc. (Apple or otherwise) is valuable to you. Also, there IS some info here which is not available anywhere else.

I find it appropriate to think of The InformInit as a book you might find in the Mac help section of your local bookstore (that is, assuming your local bookstore has a Mac help section ;-)). Or an encyclopedia. Sure, everything in an encyclopedia is "public" information, but the effort to compile the information and turn it into something comprehensible is truly monumental.

The truth is that this document, which in my opinion should have been written by Apple long ago and should be part of the documentation on every Macintosh, has taken me over a year of work to produce. Many, many hours have been spent putting it together. Like many wonderful shareware products out there, this project started out as a personal interest/hobby, and soon snowballed into proportions that I never imagined. Because of the Mac Pruning Pages on the Web and this document, everyday I get many emails from people asking me for help on an extension, or a crash, or some other problem. I do my best to help out everybody who asks.

I have actually had queries from book publishers about The InformInit, but I feel that the quick pace at which system software and inits change is far too dynamic for the printed word. I think that keeping The InformInit as a

shareware application allows me to quickly update it and is the most effective way to keep the Mac community informed.

## THE SHAREWARE AUTHORS' DILEMMA: A GENERAL REMINDER (not just for my shareware)

Shareware authoring seems rather unrewarding at times, especially when the authors have to make a decision between spending time with their families, doing their real jobs, studying, etc., and working on their 'wares. The small fee most shareware authors ask usually can't compensate fully for the time spent on their wares; however, it provides encouragement, shows appreciation, gives a bit of hard cash, and provides a bit of inspiration for updating the product ("Hey, people actually use this... I should put some work into updating it!"). I say this not only for my own sake, but for the sake of shareware products everywhere. If you use a shareware product, pay for it. How many of you have actually registered that certain piece of software you use everyday? (I bet you've even forgotten that it's shareware!)

I considered limiting the features of this document (no printing, no "find," less content, etc.) until I received a registration. However, I decided to follow the Ambrosia Software lead, and provide a full-featured version and trust that the user would live up to his/her end of the bargain.

## BENEFITS OF REGISTERING?

Since I took the leap of faith of providing a fully-functioning version here, registering won't get you a "better" version with more information. However, it will get you:

- On the mailing list of updates (whenever a new version is released, you'll be the first to know, including what changes were made). You will be able to get new versions before the general public.
- On the mailing list of important changes, revisions and tips. For example, when the update to System 7.5.5 was released, I sent my registered users a "System 7.5.5 Help Sheet" that had installation and troubleshooting tips for System 7.5.5.
- Access to the "Registered User Archive" on the web, which has the latest registered user version of The Informlnit and an archive of all of the announcements and help sheets that I have sent out.
- If you absolutely can't access the Internet, I will try to send you the newest versions. (In the past I had hoped to simply send out the newest version to

all registered users, but the limits of my mail server put an end to that plan...)

- If you purchase a site or world license, you will receive a version personalized for your company/ organization/ institution.
- The removal of the "splash screen" registration reminder everytime you open The InformInit.
- My gratitude and a personal "thank you" :-)
- Good shareware karma... some people have said that the more unregistered software you have on your hard drive, the greater chance of a "mysterious" crash... ;-)

If you have any other ideas for registered-user benefits, I'm very open to suggestions. I generally try to respond very quickly to my registered users and offer them any help I can provide.

## HOW TO REGISTER:

The registration [payment fees](#) follow:

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| Single user, 1-9 copies:                      | \$ 15 each |
| Single user, 10-19 copies:                    | \$ 14 each |
| Site license:                                 | \$ 275     |
| Site license (educational institution):       | \$ 225     |
| World-Wide license:                           | \$1500     |
| World-Wide license (educational institution): | \$1000     |

- A single user license covers the use of one copy on one computer.
- A site license covers all locations for your organization within a 100 mile (160km) radius of your site.
- A world-wide license covers all locations for your organization on the planet.
- If you or your organization simply cannot afford the fees, email me. ••

There are three ways to register:

1) If you would like to pay [by credit card over the World Wide Web](#), you can go to my registration site at:

[<http://kagi.direct.net/cgi-bin/register1.cgi?DF>](http://kagi.direct.net/cgi-bin/register1.cgi?DF)

2) If you are paying with [U.S. cash or USD check](#), please send your payment, made out to "D.E. Frakes," to the address below.

# Include your email address!!!

Dan Frakes

838 S. Barrington Ave. #103

Los Angeles, CA 90049

If you need an invoice for yourself, or to submit to a purchasing department/office, email me and I'll prepare something for you!

3) If you would like to pay by [credit card](#), [First Virtual](#), or [with international currency](#), please use the Kagi "Register" program which is in the InformInit folder. Complete instructions for this method of payment follow ([again, please do not use this method for US cash or USD check because processing fees will be removed from the payment before it is sent to me](#)):

Open the Register program in The InformInit folder. Enter your name, your email address, and the number of single user licenses you desire (or Site or World-Wide licenses). If you are an educational institution purchasing a Site or World-Wide license, check the appropriate box. Save or Copy or Print the data from the Register program and send the data and payment to Kagi via one of the following methods:

- If paying with [Credit Card or First Virtual](#), you can email or fax the data to Kagi. To email payment, you can use the "Copy" command in the Register window to copy the data from Register and paste it into the body of an email message (the email address is sales@kagi.com) You can also "Save" the data to a text file and then attach that file to an email message. To fax payment, "Print" the data and fax it to +1 510 652-6589. If you have a fax modem, just "Print" the data to the Kagi fax number.

Payments sent via email are processed within 3 to 4 days. You will receive an email acknowledgement when it is processed. Payments sent via fax take up to 10 days and if you provide a correct internet email address you will receive an email acknowledgement.

- If you are paying with [non-US currency](#) (cash) you should print the data using the Register application and send it to the address shown on the form, which is:

Kagi  
1442-A Walnut Street #392-DF  
Berkeley, California 94709-1405  
USA

You can pay with a wide variety of cash from different countries but at the present time Kagi cannot accept checks in other currencies. The conversion rate for non-USD checks is around USD 15 per check and that is just not practical.

- If you have a purchasing department, you can enter all the data into the Register program and then select "Invoice" as your payment method. Print three copies of the form and send it to your accounts payable people. You might want to highlight the line that mentions that they must include a copy of the form with their payment.

Kagi cannot invoice your company; you need to act on Kagi's behalf and generate the invoice and handle all the paperwork on your end. Please do not fax or email payment forms that indicate Cash, Check or Invoice as the payment method. As far as we know, there is still no technology to transfer physical objects via fax or email and without the payment, the form cannot be processed. Payments sent via postal mail take time to reach Kagi and then up to 10 days for processing. Again, if you include a correct email address, you will hear from Kagi when the form is processed.

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