NoDesktopCleanup documentation

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Introduction

- NoDesktopCleanup is a cool control panel that lets you add a confirmation dialog to any menu item
 in any application. The unusual name comes from the original task I wrote this control panel for:
 disabling the annoying "Clean Up Desktop" and "Clean Up All" menu items in the Finder, which often
 make one's life miserable by moving all the icons on the desktop away from their carefully chosen
 locations. The "Restart" and "Shut Down" menu items can also be nasty, especially if your Mac has
 software power-off; I already took care of them with the Shutdown Delay control panel, but
 NoDesktopCleanup lets you cancel before all applications are closed.
- ♦ Version 1.1 has a useful auto-confirm timer which prevents your Mac from hanging forever when it's working alone and there's no user to press the "OK" or "Cancel" buttons.
- Another thing you can do with NoDesktopCleanup is to disable menu items altogether (without any

user confirmation). If you leave stuff in the trash and you don't want your kids to empty it, just disable the "Empty Trash" menu item. When you really have to empty it you can open the control panel, turn it off with the main switch, empty the trash, then turn it back on. The whole thing takes a few seconds, but it can be a real lifesaver.

The control panel

- ♦ The NoDesktopCleanup control panel allows you to view and edit the menu items you want to disable or confirm. The following commands are available in the control panel:
- New: Creates a new menu item and brings up the menu item editor window.
- Edit: Brings up the menu item editor for the selected menu item. Beeps if no menu item is currently selected.
- ♦ Delete: Deletes the selected menu item after asking if it's OK to do so. This operation cannot be undone. Beeps if no menu item is selected.
- \(\) Info: Displays this text and lets you save it as a text file. You may also save a text file with your personal registration form, which can be printed with TeachText or any other text editor.
- The menu items list displays all currently defined menu items in alphabetical order. You may double click on a menu item to edit it (same as the Edit button).
- ♦ The on/off master switch enables and disables NoDesktopCleanup.

Shortcuts

- ♦ Some keys may be used as shortcuts when NoDesktopCleanup's control panel is the front window. These shortcuts need the shift key; I could not use the command key because the Finder doesn't let control panels use it.
- >> Shift-N = new menu item
- >> Shift-E = edit menu item
- >> Backspace = delete menu item
- >> Shift-I = info & registration
- >> Return or enter = select none
- >> Down arrow, right arrow or tab key = select next menu item
- >> Up arrow, left arrow or shift-tab = select previous menu item

Notes

♦ Some versions of the Finder appear to have an invisible "space" character at the end of the "Shut Down" menu item. If typing "Shut Down" alone doesn't work, you may either add a space at the end of the menu item name or mark it as partial. The same hints apply to any other menu item you can't get to work properly.

Installation

- System 7: Move the NoDesktopCleanup control panel to your Control Panels folder (inside the System folder) and restart your Macintosh. Open the Control Panels folder and double click on NoDesktopCleanup's icon to configure it.
- System 6: Move the NoDesktopCleanup control panel inside your System folder and restart your Macintosh. Open the Control Panel desk accessory to configure it.

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Version history

- 1.2 Ported to Metrowerks CodeWarrior to ease future interaction with KeyQuencer.
- 1.1.4 Added pictures and a contents menu to the online documentation.
- 1.1.3 Cleaned up the code and updated documentation.
- 1.1.2 Fixed a minor incompatibility with Okey Dokey, thanks to Brian A. Foster for reporting it.
- 1.1.1 Removed a couple of lines from this documentation.
- 1.1 Added auto-confirm timer option.
- 1.0 First public release.

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