Changes in Kaleidoscope 1.5.1

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Floating windows in DragThing and other applications draw correctly when deactivated. This happened only with schemes from the Kaleidoscope Classic Pack or ones converted with the Scheme Updater.

Now SuperBoomerang no longer triggers a delay when drawing Open dialog boxes.

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Fixed a crash, possibly triggered by RAM Doubler 2.0.1, when closing the Kaleidoscope control panel after switching to a scheme with different Finder icons.

Adobe Type Reunion no longer causes menus to shift when selected.

CyberFinder icons should no longer appear as generic document icons.

Stufflt SpaceSaver compressed files are now drawn with the normal tag, instead of covering them with a generic document icon.

Folder Icon Maker lets you choose different folder resources once again.

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SilverLining's startup dialog box draws correctly.

Added a WindowShade widget to the windows in the BeBox color scheme.

Improved the accented characters in the Veritas 12 suggested system font.

SmartScroll thumbs taking up most of the scroll bar track draw correctly.

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In Finder list views, the underline indicating the selected view now moves with the header when you scroll horizontally.

Fixed various bugs in the included "Scheme Updater" application.

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Added support for embossed window titles in color schemes. See the "Creating Color Schemes" document for more information.

Many other minor changes and improvements.

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New Features / Improvements

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Changed the format of the color scheme files. Although old color schemes designed for Kaleidoscope 1.0.x no longer work (that is what I meant when I said that I was not supporting third party color schemes for Kaleidoscope 1.0.x), the new format is much more flexible and easy to edit, so you will soon be able to find even more and varied color schemes. If your favorite color scheme no longer works, contact the author of that color scheme and ask him to update it. You may find that there is already an update available.

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Included a "Scheme Updater" application to convert your old color schemes to the new format. To convert color schemes, just drag and drop them onto the Scheme Updater, or drag and drop a folder onto the Scheme Updater to convert all the color schemes in that folder.

We now actively support third party color scheme designers. See the "Creating Color Schemes" document for more information on the color scheme format.

Clicking the logo at the top left of the Kaleidoscope control panel now brings up an about box for the selected color scheme.

The "Aaron" color scheme has been renamed "Apple Grayscale".

Included a "BeBox" color scheme based on the new BeOS interface from Be, Inc. For more information about the BeOS, see the Be web site: http://www.be.com/ . This color scheme is based on our "BeView" extension, and registered users of BeView can upgrade to Kaleidoscope for the reduced price of \$10. See the "Aaron / BeView / Buttons Upgrade" document for more information.

Included a "System 7" color scheme that gives you the standard Mac user interface you would have if you were not using Kaleidoscope. Use this color scheme if you want to switch off Kaleidoscope temporarily, such as if you need to take screen shots of a normal Mac.

Included "Veritas" and "BeBox" suggested system fonts. Veritas looks like a cross between Espy Sans Bold 10 and Chicago 12, and it is based on Apple's Truth font, rumored to be the system font under Mac OS 8. BeBox is based on the system font used under the Be OS and is the ideal system font complementing the BeBox color scheme.

Updated the folder icons to better match the ones rumored to be used in Mac OS 8. Also added icons for suitcases, fonts, clippings, and generic documents and applications.

SmartScroll version 2.03 or later is now compatible with Kaleidoscope. You can get the latest version of SmartScroll from Marc Moini's web site: http://www.kagi.com/authors/marc

Problems Resolved

The Spinning Zoom Rectangles now work under System 7.6.

The windows now work correctly on the Power Mac 7300, 8600, and 9600, as well as under System 7.6.1a9.

Fixed various problems that could cause Kaleidoscope to fail to install at startup.

Now Menus and Now Startup Manager no longer crash when you resize their control panels.

Kaleidoscope is more tolerant of problems with third party color schemes.

Excluded Fontographer from the menu color patch.

The popup menu routines now handle 254-highlighting correctly.

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Selecting a popup menu in the Kaleidoscope control panel no longer crashes.

Claris Organizer 2.0 no longer crashes while launching.

Text entry fields in dialog boxes no longer become garbled.

Photoshop 4 no longer uses Kaleidoscope's floating windows.

FreeHand 7.0 is now also excluded from Kaleidoscope's menu colors.

Fixed the horizontal scrollbar ghost thumb in the Envy color scheme.

Resolved a font ID conflict between "Tecton" and the font used in FreePPP.

Fixed the system font size problem in Claris Home Page.

Various minor fixes and improvements.