

Application Preferences:

Application preferences are the preferences that are used application-wide. You can change these options by selecting “Application Preferences...” from the “Edit” menu. The Application preferences are broken down into three parts, access the different parts by selecting items from the tabs near the top of the window. To change the file creators just click the “Set File Creators” button. The creator of a file is a 4 character name which basically links the file to a certain application. You can change the file creators used in the program so any exported files will be created so your favorite application can open them (see Figure 7).

Figure 7 - File Types Dialog (part 1)

Figure 7a - Application Preferences Dialog (part 1)

Load Voices on Start-up - If this check box is checked and the Speech Manager is available, ScrapIt Pro will build a menu of voices to be used when speaking text. If you have the Speech Manager installed and you don't wish to use it in ScrapIt Pro, disable this option and ScrapIt Pro will start up much faster.

Remember Open Files - If this check box is checked, all files open when you quit ScrapIt Pro will be opened the next time you start ScrapIt Pro.

Quit After Closing Last Window - Check this option if you'd like ScrapIt Pro to quit when you close the last open window (it will also quit if you Option-click any windows close box).

Save Font Menu - Check this option if you'd like ScrapIt Pro to use the last font menu and not rebuild the menu each time. Only use this option if you have LOTS of fonts installed and ScrapIt Pro is slow to open when first starting, otherwise, leave it unchecked. If you install any new fonts with this option checked, you can hold down the Option key while starting ScrapIt Pro to force it to rebuild the font menu.

Show Scrap Files in App Folder - If this check box is checked, the Scrap Files Menu will contain any scrap files that are in the same folder as the ScrapIt Pro application.

Show Other Files - If this check box is checked, the Scrap Files Menu will contain any names of system files. You will also see any of these type of files when you select the "Open..." option from the "File" menu. The only reason to check this option is if you have files created by SmartScrap or Apple's old Scrapbook with a name other than "Scrapbook File". If you don't have these file types, leave the option un-checked.

Figure 7b - Application Preferences Dialog (part 2)

Copy Names and Comments - If this check box is checked, any comments and the items name will be copied to the clipboard (when you cut or copy the item). This data is only useful for copying and pasting between scrap files, other applications should ignore the extra data on the clipboard. The reason this option is here is if another application gets confused by the extra data, if any applications don't accept the data copied from ScrapIt Pro, try unchecking this option.

Ask For Name After Paste - If this check box is checked, any time you paste data into a scrap file, you'll be asked for a name for the item.

Show Picture's Best Colors - If any PICT or GIF items are not displaying at the best colors, try checking this item. The only problem with using this method, is that to display the best colors, sometimes the windows color palette will be changed which changes the colors of all other windows until you quit ScrapIt Pro or move to another item. It's quicker if you leave this option off.

Create Thumbnail (GIF/JPEG) - When you import a GIF or JPEG file, you can have ScrapIt Pro create a PICT thumbnail (if the file does not yet have one). This is useful if you want to see the item's picture when in gallery or thumbnail mode.

Import PICT Resource - When you import a GIF, JPEG or any graphic file types supported by PlugIns, you can have ScrapIt Pro import any PICT resource it finds in the file (which will usually be a thumbnail picture).

Import All Resources - When you import a GIF or JPEG, you can have ScrapIt Pro import any other resources it finds in the file. Use this option only if you want to retain all other resources from a GIF or JPEG file (some files will contain a PICT thumbnail, a printer specification, icons, etc.). It's probably better to leave this option off and just check the "Import PICT Resource" described above.

Disable QuickDraw 3D - This option is useful only if you have a PowerMac with QuickDraw 3D installed and you will not be using any QuickDraw 3D items. Checking this option will speed up the start-up time of ScrapIt Pro since QuickDraw 3D will not be initialized.

Disable Function Keys (F1-F4) - This option is useful only if you have an extended keyboard (with the Function Keys available). By typing a Function Key (F1-F4) it is the same as selecting Undo, Cut, Copy or Paste from the "Edit" menu. If you don't want the function keys (F1-F4) to function in ScrapIt Pro for some reason, just check this check box.

ArchiCAD Support - If you use ScrapIt Pro with ArchiCAD, check this item to allow you to be able to copy and paste between ScrapIt Pro and ArchiCAD.

Option-Click to Drag & Drop - This option is useful only if Drag & Drop is available on your computer.

- If this option is checked, you will have to hold down the Option key and click on the Current Item Area to drag it (to another ScrapIt Window, the Desktop, to another Drag & Drop capable application, etc.). The only reason you'd want to check this option is if you don't do much drag & dropping but do more picture selecting, sound or movie playing from within ScrapIt Pro.
- If this item is not checked, just click in the Current Item Area of any item type (except "TEXT") and drag it. Since text can be selected and edited, it behaves a bit differently. You have to Option-click the text to drag the entire text item, or just click within a selected portion of text to drag the selection. This also changes how sounds or movies are played (by clicking) and how portions of pictures are selected. To play or movie or sound just Option-click on the Sound or Movie icon in the Current Item Area. To select a portion of a picture, just Option-click in the picture and drag to select.

Figure 7c - Application Preferences Dialog (part 3)

Time Between Slides (seconds) - This tells how many seconds to wait between each items display during a slide show.

Loop (continuously) - Check this box if you'd like a slide show to continue until you stop it (by hitting the Command-. (period) keys at the same time. If this box is not checked, a slide show will stop on the item it was started from.

Use Lasso - Select this radio button if you'd like to use the lasso tool to select portions of a picture.

Use Selection Rectangle - Select this radio button if you'd like to use the standard selection rectangle to select portions of a picture.

Limit Offscreen to 256 Colors - Check this box if you are having any problems displaying the tool bars or thumbnails in any scrap file (this probably will only need to be done for certain multiple monitor systems).

Show Field Outlines in Forms - Check this box if you want field outlines to show in all ScrapIt Pro forms (makes it easier to know where all fields are located on a form).

Special Text Saving Flag - Check this box only if you are having this problem: after you finish editing a text item and you move to another item and then come back, your changes do not show up.