

Jeremy's Application CSM 1.5.1

What is it?

Jeremy's Application CSM shows the current number of applications and Desk Accessories that are running. It also displays a popup menu that lets you change the foreground application, similar to the Application menu in the upper right-hand corner of the menu bar. As an option, it will also display the amount of free RAM available for applications.

Compatibility

The Application CSM will work on any Macintosh.

Installing the Application CSM

If you are using Mac OS 8.5 or earlier, you must drag the Control Strip Module to the Control Strip folder inside your System folder. If you are using Mac OS 8.6 or later, the Mac OS will recognize the Control Strip - merely drag it to your System Folder, and the Mac OS will move it automatically for you.

With Mac OS 8.5 or earlier:

- 1) Open your System folder.
- 2) Copy the Control Strip Module to the Control Strip Folder in your System folder.
- 3) Restart your computer.

Configuring the Application CSM

When the Control Strip first appears after restarting, the Application module should be displayed, as shown below:

The number displayed to the left of the Application icon is the number of applications currently running, and the number to the left of the Suitcase icon is the number of Desk Accessories currently running.

The far right of the module displays the largest unused block of RAM available for applications. It also indicates the type of RAM you are currently using: RD indicates that RAM Doubler is loaded, while VM indicates that virtual memory is active.

The appearance of the module is controlled by the module's popup menu. To make the menu appear, click anywhere on the Application module, and the following menu will appear:

Display Application Information

If this item is selected, application information is displayed in the CSM.

Display DA's separately

If this is selected, the number of Desk Accessories running is displayed separately. Otherwise, only the Application icon is shown, and the number display is the total of applications and Desk Accessories.

Count Finder

If this item is selected, the Finder is included in the count of applications.

Display icons

If this menu item is selected, icon indicators will be shown to help clarify the information.

Display kB/MB

If this menu item is selected, kB or MB will be appended to the free memory display. Unselecting it will reduce the display size of the CSM.

Display RAM information

If this is selected, the largest block of free RAM is shown on the right side of the module. The type of memory compression or extension (RAM Doubler or virtual memory) is also indicated.

Display application size

If this menu item is selected, the RAM size of each application currently running will be displayed next to the application.

Applications and DA's

The bottom of the menu contains the currently running applications and Desk Accessories. The current foreground application is marked.

You can change the current foreground application by choosing an application from the menu.

Credits

Thanks to Byron Gardner for suggesting this Control Strip Module.

Revision History

1.5.1 - 6 February 2000

- Minor cosmetic changes.

1.5.0 - 20 December 1999

- Added option to minimize memory size info.
- Now uses Control Strip font/size settings to draw text.

1.4.4 - 6 July 1999

- Fixed slight inaccuracy with free memory display.

1.4.1 - 29 March 1999

- Fixed balloon help.

1.4.0 - 10 February 1997

- Added option to display background applications.
- Fixed bug that would garble popup menu when application names were too long.

1.3.0 - 29 October 1996

- Added ability to hide application information.
- Reordered menu to logically group related items.

1.2.0 - 21 March 1996

- Added ability to display application RAM consumption in popup menu.
- Strip out characters from application name that could cause menu display problems.
- Converted to Metrowerks Codewarrior.

1.1.0 - 29 March 1995

- Prevent CSM from interfering with screen savers.
- Allow to run on any model Macintosh (not just PowerBooks).
- Added memory display.

1.0.0 - 13 January 1995
- First release.