Changes in Kaleidoscope 1.7.1

General Improvements

QuarkXPress no longer crashes while launching. This was not actually a conflict with Quark, but rather a conflict with certain third party Quark XTensions.

Adobe Illustrator 7 no longer has problems with check boxes and radio buttons.

Ircle 3.0 no longer triggers problems when dragging its scroll bar thumbs.

Microsoft Word 5.1a no longer crashes when selecting the Print Preview option.

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Font selection popup menus, such as the Substitute System Font popup in the Kaleidoscope control panel, are now the right size. Super-sized font popups were triggered by a conflict with non-Roman Language Kits.

Apollo, Cheat II, and other programs using the "Default" CDEF work correctly.

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The MacLinkPlus Installer now works correctly.

Various other fixes.

Mac OS 8 Improvements

68040-based Macs no longer crash at startup or when opening the Trash.

PC-Card modems now use the correct icon (instead of a sound clipping icon).

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The American Heritage Dictionary now works correctly.

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Kaleidoscope now patches the indeterminate progress bars (a.k.a. barber poles). See the "Creating Color Schemes" document for more information.

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Fixes missing check boxes and popup menus at the top of group boxes, background color glitches with check boxes and radio buttons, and problems with live scrolling, window collapsing, and the progress bars.

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Kaleidoscope is now compatible with Mac OS 8. See the FAQ for more details. Color Scheme designers should check the "Creating Color Schemes" document for some minor scheme changes.

Added support for menu bar patterns in color schemes. See the "Creating Color Schemes" document for more information.

Global Village's FAX software no longer crashes when you click on a scroll bar. This also fixes various other similar scrollbar-related crashes.

The American Heritage Dictionary 3.0 no longer has problems with Kaleidoscope.

Wunderbar now works correctly with collapsed windows and the BeBox scheme.

Church Windows is now compatible with Kaleidoscope.

Irregularly-shaped scroll bar ghost thumbs no longer leave a trail when dragged.

In Microsoft applications, the scroll bar now returns to normal after scrolling.

If you use Microsoft Word with GlobalFax, holding down the <option> key once again changes "Print" to "FAX" in the "File" menu.

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Fixed a bug that could position the scroll bar thumb incorrectly after dragging. This happened in Netscape, Code Warrior, and various other applications that use the PowerPlant LActiveScroller class.

Kaleidoscope now draws the scroll bar track pattern with the top left corner of the pattern aligned with the top left corner of the scroll bar (i.e., the top left corner of the up or left arrow).

Alpha no longer draws text in the wrong place after expanding one if its windows.

Fixed a problem that could garble the text in the Kaleidoscope control panel.

Fixed minor problems with the scroll bars, the System 7 scheme, window collapsing, Claris Home Page, Zipple, the Global Village menu, Ircle, HotLine, Pilot Desktop, and many others.

Updated the Kaleidoscope Classic Pack (available separately) to use the scheme modifications introduced in this version of Kaleidoscope, and to fix glitches in the Lavender color scheme.

Changes in Kaleidoscope 1.6

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Kaleidoscope is now significantly faster. In particular, windows open more quickly, scroll bar thumbs drag more smoothly, and progress bars are less choppy.

You can now collapse a window by double-clicking its title bar, just like with Apple's WindowShade. And if you do use Apple's WindowShade (although there isn't much point to that anymore), Kaleidoscope's windows collapse correctly.

Windows stay collapsed if you hide and then show the application.

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Collapsed BeBox windows adjust their size correctly if their titles change.

Kaleidoscope is now compatible with DoubleScroll's live scrolling feature. You no longer need to switch the load order of DoubleScroll and Kaleidoscope.

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You can now open the Kaleidoscope control panel if Kaleidoscope is not running.

Global Village's status menu draws with the correct menu colors in all schemes, and it no longer erases the bottom menu bar tinge.

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Popup menus pop up with the cursor over the selected item, instead of popping down below the menu button.

Popup menus no longer erase the window background to white unnecesarily.

Alpha's menus work correctly when the system font size is not set to 12 point.

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ATM and WindowMonkey no longer trigger a crash when using Balloon Help in the Kaleidoscope control panel.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

Changes in Kaleidoscope 1.5

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.

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

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

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

Changes in Kaleidoscope 1.0.1

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.