# Managingpalettes;¬Managing palettes

**arrow.eps ¬     Customize the palette icon:**
  **Drag and drop an image file over the palette.**
**arrow.eps ¬     Install and uninstall palettes:**
  **Double-click a palette icon in the Palettes display of the Preferences panel.**
**arrow.eps ¬     Load a palette:**
  **Choose Tools *arrow.eps* ¬ Palettes *arrow.eps* ¬ Open and select a palette file.**
**arrow.eps ¬     Unload a palette:**
  **Alternate-drag a palette icon off the Palettes display of the Preferences panel.**

Interface Builder gives you facilities for managing static and dynamic palettes. These management functions include:

SquareBullet.eps ¬Customizing the palette icon (dynamic palettes only)
SquareBullet.eps ¬Installing and uninstalling palettes on the Palette window
SquareBullet.eps ¬Loading and unloading palettes

### Customizing the Palette Icon

For dynamic palettes, Interface Builder gives you the option of specifying the icon that identifies the palette in the Palette window.

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**Tip:** Since Interface Builder scales the image to fit into the icon rectangle, create or choose a TIFF or EPS image that is 35 X 35 pixels.

You can also customize the icons of static palettes, but you must do this programmatically, specifying the image file in a **palette.table** file.

## Installing and Uninstalling Palettes

Palettes can be installed or uninstalled; installed palettes appear in the Palette window. Interface Builder stores as a user preference the names of the palettes you have previously installed and whether you currently want them installed. You can find out which palettes are uninstalled in the Palettes display of the Preferences panel. To see this display, choose Preferences from the Infomenu.

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To uninstall a palette, double-click its icon in the Preferences panel or use the Palette menu's Close Palette command.

## Loading and Unloading Palettes

If the palette doesn't appear in the Preferences panel, open it using the Open command of the Palettes menu (not the Open command of the Document menu).

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You can also open palettes by dragging them from the Workspace Manager's File Viewer onto the Palettes Preferences panel.

You unload palettesÐthereby removing from your user preferencesÐby Alternate-dragging them off the Palettes display of the Preferences panel.