

Apple Programs

Apple Applet Runner (1.0.2)

In this new Application, hold down Option and go to "About Apple Applet Runner..." You will see a huge list of credits. The "OK" button is hidden in the lower-right corner of the window. Pressing Return will get you out of the credits.

Apple Directory (1.5.4)

Apple Directory is an internal program at Apple. To find the egg, first, turn on Balloon Help and drag your cursor over the icon. You will see this:

AppleDirectory

Use this application to look up information about Apple employees, contractors, and other interesting bits of information.

Look at the secret about box! Hold down option and choose "About Apple Directory."

Second, do what it says. I am not connected to the network so I don't know what will appear. All I get is a blank window.

Apple Internet Access (After System 8; 1.0.1)

Things have changed. The Apple Internet Connection Kit no longer exists with the introduction of Internet Access, now standard with System 8. The Balloon Help strings are gone from Internet Configure and Apple Internet Status has been removed.

In fact, there is only one easter egg now. In both Internet Dialer and

Internet Setup Utility, clicking on the icon in the about box will display a list of credits. Nothing more... nothing less.

Apple Internet Connection Kit (Before System 8)

- Credits: I would like to thank Paul Britt Garcia (his e-mail address is way too long to publish) for most of the help with this program, but also thanks to Brian Kamlin (kamlin@hevanet.com) for first informing me of the AID easter egg.
- Instructions: The instructions for the Apple Internet Dialer are easy to follow but for AIS and some of IC you will need ResEdit. Got to the STR# resource of the application, then to the given ID, and finally scroll down to the appropriate string. Some of the text can be seen through Balloon Help but other text can not be found.

Apple Internet Dialer

Information: AID dials your internet provider and then optionally launches your choice of programs, (usually Netscape Navigator or Claris E-Mailer Light.) It also launches (AIS) and then quits itself.

In the connect screen of the Apple Internet Dialer if you click on the computer with the globe next to it while holding down various keys it will display a variety of messages and do various things.

- Mouse click on the Macintosh icon in the main window causes it's right eye to blink.
- Option-click on the Macintosh icon causes the following message to run across the icon's monitor: "The other Ron managed the whole thing and Steve was seen somewhere in the vacinity"
- Control-click on the Macintosh icon causes the following message to run across the icon's monitor: "Ron, Abe, Cyrus, and Mike found the bugs so you don't have to! What a group of guys!!"
- Command-clicking on the Macintosh icon causes the following message to run across the icon's monitor: "Welcome To The Internet. From: Rick(rreynold@rockstar.com) & Gary (garyaiki@crl.com)"
- Command-Control-click on the Macintosh icon causes the following message to run across the icon's monitor: "The marketing folks, Lance, Richard, Beth and Lynn. You bought this so they done good"

Apple Internet Status

Information: AIS consists only of a single window showing a spinning globe, your current connection time, and a button that either dials or hangs up.

STR# ID = 1030

The String 9) C00perT1N0FruitC

STR# ID = 1020 from Apple Internet Status

The String 27) AEOBJECT-Editon Sample would like to complain about an error it encountered, please bring it forward so it can whine at you.

Internet Configure

Information: IC lets you input all your internet settings one time then writes that information into the preference files of all your internet applications (Netscape, Fetch, News Watcher, etc) so you do not have to type the same information into each one. Some of the phrases below can be found in the pull-down menus.

STR# "Balloon Help Strings" ID = 26724

- 20) Type your News authentication username here. Just leave this blank unless you have problems with News authentication (in which case you should kill your system administrator).
- 93) Open a new preference document. Not available because we don't like you.
- 95) Open an existing preference document. Not available because we don't like you.
- 97) Open the default Internet Preferences Document. Not available because we don't like

you.

- 99) Close the front window. Not available because there is no front window. Obvious really.
- 103) Save the current document with a new name. Not available because no document is open.
- 117) Select All. If you don't know what this means, I suggest you go back to Macintosh Kindergarden.
- 119) Use this menu to mess with the Internet Configuration extension.
- 123) Beats me why this would be disabled.

STR# ID = 128

- 14) Our enemies shall talk themselves to death, and we will bury them with their own confusion. We shall prevail.
- 16) Warning, font crime is being perpetrated. Call 1-800-FONT-CRIME to report this offence!

AppleScript (1.1.2)

AppleScript 1.0 Code Names: Cheeze Whiz, Toy Surprise, Gustav

AppleScript 1.1 Code Names: Guava Surprise, Pure Guava

Apple Script Editor

In the AppleScript Editor, choose "About Script Editor..." from the Apple menu. Then hold down the Control key and click on the program's icon or the text "The Script Editor" to see the words "Guava Surprise". Then click the Credits button. The credits have changed! For more fun, do the same for "About AppleScript..." to see "Pure Guava". 🍌 In System 8 (version 1.1.2), they both say "Dynamic Tofu".

In the Apple Script Editor, selecting Balloon Help and then pointing to the "Windows" menu displays "Use this menu to bring various Toy Surprise windows to the front..." Pointing to "About the Script Editor..." or "About AppleScript..." (from the Apple pull down menu) shows "Displays the Script Editor's keen About Box." 🍌 Finally, place your cursor over "File" in the Menu Bar. It will say "Use this menu to create, open, save and close script files; print; set preferences; and quit Toy Surprise." From: Brendan Bellina (bbellina@aol.com)

AppleScript Applications

From: Nigel Brady (NigelBrady@aol.com)

While running an AppleScript Application go to "About Script Applications..." in the Apple menu. Then Control-click on either the icon or the text "Script Applications" to see it change to "Applets & Droplets". 🍌 In System 8, it says "The Original Applets" instead. As you know, certain types of Java are named Applets.

AppleSearch Server and Client

Choose "About AppleSearch Server (or Client)...", then click the icon.

AppleLink

From: Terry Schussler (schussler@gmatter.com)


The AppleLink program has a resource audio egg containing the Hawaii Five-0 theme music. AppleLink is Apple's internal e-mail communications system.

At Ease (2.0.3)

At Ease Code Name: Tiny Toons

While in At Ease, hold down Option while going to "About At Ease...". After a few seconds you will see some credits below the moving heads.

In any version other than 2.0 (worked in version 2.0.3), and before 3.0, when going to "About At Ease" click on either of the two the middle heads and hold down for a couple seconds. It will then show pictures of the engineers. Holding down Option is not required for this egg.

 There are also some unused balloon help strings in the resource of AtEase 2.0.3. Follow these directions:

- 1.) Open ResEdit (or some other editing program)
- 2.) Open a copy of the At ease file in your System folder
- 3.) Locate STR# 172
- 4.) The Balloons read:

This is Mark

This is John


This is Gene, He needs a haricut and a shave.

This is Scott, He's really neat. He added these balloons

This is Mike


This is Paul

Supposedly these balloons do not appear in the About Box.

 Also, try this in 2.0.3:

- 1) Turn Balloon Help On
- 2) Open At Ease Setup
- 3) Go to About At Ease
- 4) Click on the middle of the lower second mans body
- 5) The expression on his face should change to a mad frowning face.

Above two eggs are from Jonathan Sawatsky (sawatsky@cronus.oanet.com)

 In version 3.0 of At Ease, holding down Option and going to "About At

Ease..." will change the pictures of the two 'stick men' to the original pictures you saw in previous versions.

Disk Archive/Retrieval Tool

Choose "About DART..." from the File menu while holding down the Option key. In addition to the normal information, the window displays the name of the programmer, David Mutter, and those he wishes to thank.

Disk Copy (6.1.2)

From: Jim Monahan (monahan@en.com)

Double-click on the icon to start the Disk Copy 6.1 program. Now go up to the Apple Menu and select "About Disk Copy..."

Hold down the Command key, point to the Copyright text. Then click and hold the mouse button. It will give you a scrolling list of developers, but only as long as you hold down the mouse button.

A second "Aloha!" egg can be found by additionally holding down the Option and Command keys, pointing to the copyright, clicking and holding.


Find File

To be able to use search for more options in find file hold down option while selecting on the name. Very useful in egging invisible files but it is, in itself, an undocumented trick.

Open up Find File with ResEdit and open the DATA resource. Inside there will be one resource, ID #0. Open that and scroll through the hexadecimal code to find the programmer's secret message that says, "I liked Vacuum tubes better." In the CODES resource, the name for ID #13 is "Balloon Hell".

Gerbils!

From: Ephraim Lindquist (ephraiml@cp.duluth.mn.us)

Gerbils! is a fun little game made by Apple solely for the demonstration of QuickDraw 3D's capabilities.  Hold down Option while selecting "Rendering". In the Textured Track sub-menu the names "BRIAN'S HEAD" and "DAN'S HEAD" will be listed until you quit the program. Select either of those two and you will see the designated head on the track.

Opening up the file with ResEdit you will find that the heads are in the PICT resource, ID locations 145 and 146. A great idea is to replace these heads with a picture of yours.

Brian Greenstone's picture came from some Super Nintendo games which Brian had programmed. He used his head as an easter egg in those games and decided to use it again in his newest creation-Gerbils!. From: Jeff Davies (jeffdavies@aol.com)

HyperCard (2.1)

HyperCard: WildCard (hence the creator code WILD) HyperCard IIGS:

Bullfinch

HyperCard 2.0: Snow, Hot Water

Hold down Option when going to "About HyperCard..." to see some extra system information. Some of it varies with the Macintosh. Also, in version 2.0 or 2.1, if you entered your name in the Chooser (6.0) or Sharing Setup (7.0) your name will appear under "HyperCard by John Do". There is a trick to this though. If you don't have your name in either of those two places, the name of one of the many developers will appear instead of where your name would be.

Look at the data fork of any Hypercard stack (American or foreign) with a good text reader like Word. The last fifteen bytes say "Nu Är det slut...", which is Swedish for "The end" or "That's all, folks". 🍁 I am told the text "That's All Folks" was in English in early versions of Hypercard. From: Kristbjorn Gunnarsson (a95krigu@ida.his.se)

🍁Also, in the Hypercard Audio Dialogue Box, click on v.3.0 to see some credits. (I have no clue what the Hypercard Audio Dialogue Box is.)

From: AlphaGam9

Installer (4.0.3)

- In version 3.0.1 (the one that comes with System 6.0.7 and 6.0.8), after dismissing the initial welcome dialog, type "ski". A humorous list of the developers will appear and you will be able to choose from five wait-cursors: the hand with the moving fingers (standard), a spinning globe, the familiar spinning disc, the even more familiar wristwatch, and dots that move.

- In version 3.2 (the one that comes with System 7), hold down Command and Option while the Easy Install screen is up. The Help button becomes "About", and clicking on it brings up a few screens of credits.

- There is an interesting, if not entirely exciting, tribute to everyone who worked in the Installer 3.4. Click "Okay" at the splash screen. This brings up the "Easy Install" screen. Press Command and Option simultaneously. The "Help" button changes to "Credits." Then click on that. One place this installer appears is on the "CD InstallMeFirst 7.1" for the Mac LC520.

- 🐛 In the Installer 4.0, hold down Caps Lock and go to "About the Installer..." to see some additional credits. Also, look in the INIT resource, in the only ID it will also display "WaitForFinder (dispatches the Installer death squad)" which also appears in the "Installer Cleanup" extension.

🐛 After installing 7.5.3, double click the installer, version 4.0.3, and hold down the Option button to do custom install. Select printing, click older for every choice. Just before the installation finishes a splash screen comes up with bouncing apples and a long list of humorous credits. It may work with the custom installation of any software for version 7.5.3. From: Chris Stone (CISStone@aol.com)

The last two eggs probably work in either version.

Lan Satellite

Under the View menu, choose the "Recognition..." selection, and scroll through the listings. Towards the bottom you'll find iconic representations of the early PowerPC Macs and their names! Lan Satellite is some sort of Appletalk scanning program. And no, this is not an egg, but I have never seen or heard of this program. So, for those who own Lan Satellite, I thought you might be interested.

MacCheck

From: Rene G.A. Ros (rgaros@bio.vu.nl)

The application MacCheck has as creator type 'BART', which is related to the character Bart Simpson from the cartoon "The Simpsons". The owner resource (named 'BART') contains this: "Don't have a cow man" - a common phrase uttered by Bart Simpson.

🐛 Merlin (3.0.1)

Merlin is an internal program at Apple. The only easter egg I found in it was the name for a text field in the resource. The field intends to explain the Base Salary Report. The title reads, "amazing amount of text for BaseSal Help." It's at ID 129 in the TEXT resource. Nothing big, but, afterall, it is an easter egg.

QuickTime SimplePlayer & Movie Player

Press Option while you select "About SimplePlayer..." to see grey-scale cats. This will not work for MoviePlayer.

When playing a QuickTime movie in both programs, hold down Shift and double-click inside the main movie window itself. The movie and sound will play backwards. There are some other undocumented features but I believe this one was meant solely for humor.

ResEdit (2.1.3)

When using ResEdit 2.1.3 (other versions should work), if you hold down the Apple, Option, and Shift keys while selecting "About ResEdit.." in the Apple Menu the message "Start Pig Mode" will flash on the screen and an oink sound is heard. If you choose to start "Pig Mode", you may repeat the previous action to see "Stop Pig Mode (no oink)" appear. "Pig Mode" is used for more advanced programming. When you put ResEdit into "Pig Mode", resources will be compacted and purged each time ResEdit goes through its event loop (several times a second). It will slow down the system so I don't recommend you use this.

If you turn on pig mode, while running ResEdit from a floppy disk, the computer will "oink" a few times each second (most easily heard on an old Plus in a quiet room). Your machine might crash, so beware!

When holding Apple and Option and selecting "About ResEdit" you will see some credits too.

Simple Sound (1.0)

In the Desk Accessory, go to "About SimpleSound" in the Apple Menu. Click on the icon to reveal SimpleSound's creator.

SpInside Macintosh and the Technical Notes Stacks-DogCow

In the Hypercard Stack Technical Notes stacks, Option-Shift-click on the dogcow. A dialog comes up with credits. When "Developer Technical Support" appears, click to dismiss the dialog. Then click anywhere else on the title screen. Click on the button to go to a tech note by number, and enter "Clarus the dogcow says Moof!" When it asks you "what did you say?", enter the same thing again.

This will display the secret "Tech Note #31, About the Dogcow". If that doesn't work, then you can display the three pages of the Tech Note by typing "tnpict MooF1,1,0" in the message box (and MooF2 and MooF3).

You can see the original technote page at:
<http://www.info.apple.com/dev/dts/tn31.html>.

There is a detailed DogCow page at:
<http://www.info.apple.com/dev/dts/dogcow.html>

Click on the dogcow icon to hear the dogcow.

Note: The DogCow is a big part of Apple's humor and I wish I could include the technote in this file. It was too large though so I ask that you go to the above pages.

Stickies

Type "Antler!" in a new note and press return. You will then see a picture with two names. Make sure you type just "Antler!" right after you create a new note. If anything else is written previously or, if there is any editing done, it will not work.

Using ResEdit, if you open up the WDEF resource and open ID #128, it says "DEAD BEEF". This is a typical hexadecimal value meaning "unused". It is similar to spelling out "hello" on a calculator by entering 01134 and turning the calculator upside-down. From: Anastasia Cook (Oohlalune@aol.com)

SWORD (4.5)

SWORD is an internal networking program used at Apple. It pokes a little fun at people who try to find the easter egg. In my search for an egg, I held down Option and went to the About Box. It grousched back "What, you expected something to happen just because you found the Option key? Try again!". So, I tried Shift. The program replied, "So you expect the Shift key to do something." I never did find a separate list of credits.

Hidden in the resource are a couple other goodies. They include some Bloom County icons, among others, and that picture of a woman sunbathing. The woman also appears in the program ARIA Assistant.

TeachText

In TeachText, holding down Apple (Command) and Option and selecting "About TeachText..." will show some extra credits.

Video Monitor

In the application Video Monitor, which came with most AV computers, go to "About Video Monitor...". From there hold down Option and click on the picture of a video camera. Replacing "Apple Computer inc...." is "Written by Gary Woodcock-Animal Magnetism by Phaser". Video Monitor has now been replaced by the Apple Video Player.