his CD-ROM comes with 26 programs, selected from among the 90-plus programs that come with Macworld Mac & Power Mac SECRETS, 3rd Edition.

To read about the other 65 that come with Mac SECRETS, open the About "Mac SECRETS" (the book) folder on this CD-ROM and read The REAL "Secrets" CD-ROM.

Installation

Getting a program from your CD-ROM disc is simple: just open the folder containing the software you want. For best results, drag the program to your hard drive before using it.

To find out how to install a program the rest of the way, read its description in this chapter. (General hint: To install fonts, control panels, desk accessories, and extensions, drag them onto your System Folder icon and click OK.)

Disclaimer

We've tested every program here on Power Macs, PowerBooks, and standard desktop Macs. Still, here's about the only guarantee we can make: this stuff works on our machines. We can't promise that it all works smoothly with whatever junk you've already got in your System Folder. Strange as it may sound, we also can't promise that it all works together without a little experimentation — you've got to be pretty bold to throw 90 control panels into your System Folder at once.

Some of the potential problems are common sense: don't install a screen saver if you already have After Dark. Don't install WYSIWYG Menus if you already have Adobe Type Reunion. And so on.

If you have trouble, here are four ways out. First, consult our own troubleshooting chapter (Chapter 33 of Mac SECRETS), where you'll find out how to do basic conflict-hunting (holding down the Shift key works wonders; doing a clean re-install works miracles).

Second, contact the company or shareware author who created the program. You'll find phone numbers or e-mail addresses in the software itself.

Third, ask at your user group or in a Mac forum of an online service.

Finally, if you have no luck, contact IDG Books at 800-762-2974. While we don't know each program as intimately as the people who wrote it, we'll see what we can do to help.

To read about a particular program, choose its name from the Contents menu, or use the horizontal scroll bar below.