FlashWrite

Version 1.1

Documentation

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New features in version 1.1:

• FlashWrite is now much more compatible with MultiFinder.

• FlashWrite now has Find and Find Again commands to allow you to search through you notes.

• FlashWrite now allows you to print out your notes.

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Introduction

FlashWrite is an INIT which you put in your System Folder that provides a powerful yet easy to use text editor at your fingertips. No matter where you are, just hit a key combination and FlashWrite pops up on your screen, ready to use. FlashWrite is more than that though, in fact it is quite a bit different than any program you are used to, so I'll list a few key features:

 • It is an INIT that you put in your System Folder that you invoke by typing a key, so there is no digging through the Apple menu to find your favorite text editor DA to take down some quick notes. In fact, that's something FlashWrite is great for: storing tidbits of information quickly. Hit a key and no matter where you are, FlashWrite instantly opens and you can jot down some notes. Then hit another key and FlashWrite goes away, and you're back where you were before, and FlashWrite remembers what you typed, no hassles.

 • You can use also use FlashWrite for lists of things to do, phone numbers, important dates, the list goes on and on and the key to it all is that FlashWrite uses a easy to use, no hassles interface.

 • You can also use FlashWrite in it's "Clipboard" mode to edit text on the Clipboard or prepare a text file to be saved or sent to a telecommunications system.

 • FlashWrite allows you to import and export text, so you can read text files instantly, make changes to them, and save them back to disk.

 • FlashWrite will even open in dialog boxes and other situations where you can't open a Desk Accessory.

 • FlashWrite has an intuitive "less is more" interface, which turns your computer into more of the appliance that it should be.

 • FlashWrite is fully through the Control Panel DA; you can change a number of features, such as whether to use SmartQuotes, the key which invokes FlashWrite, and the creator of text files FlashWrite writes.

 • FlashWrite has 10 different "Note Pad" style pages for storing information.

 • FlashWrite allows you to search through the text you have entered, and print out your notes so that you can take them with you.
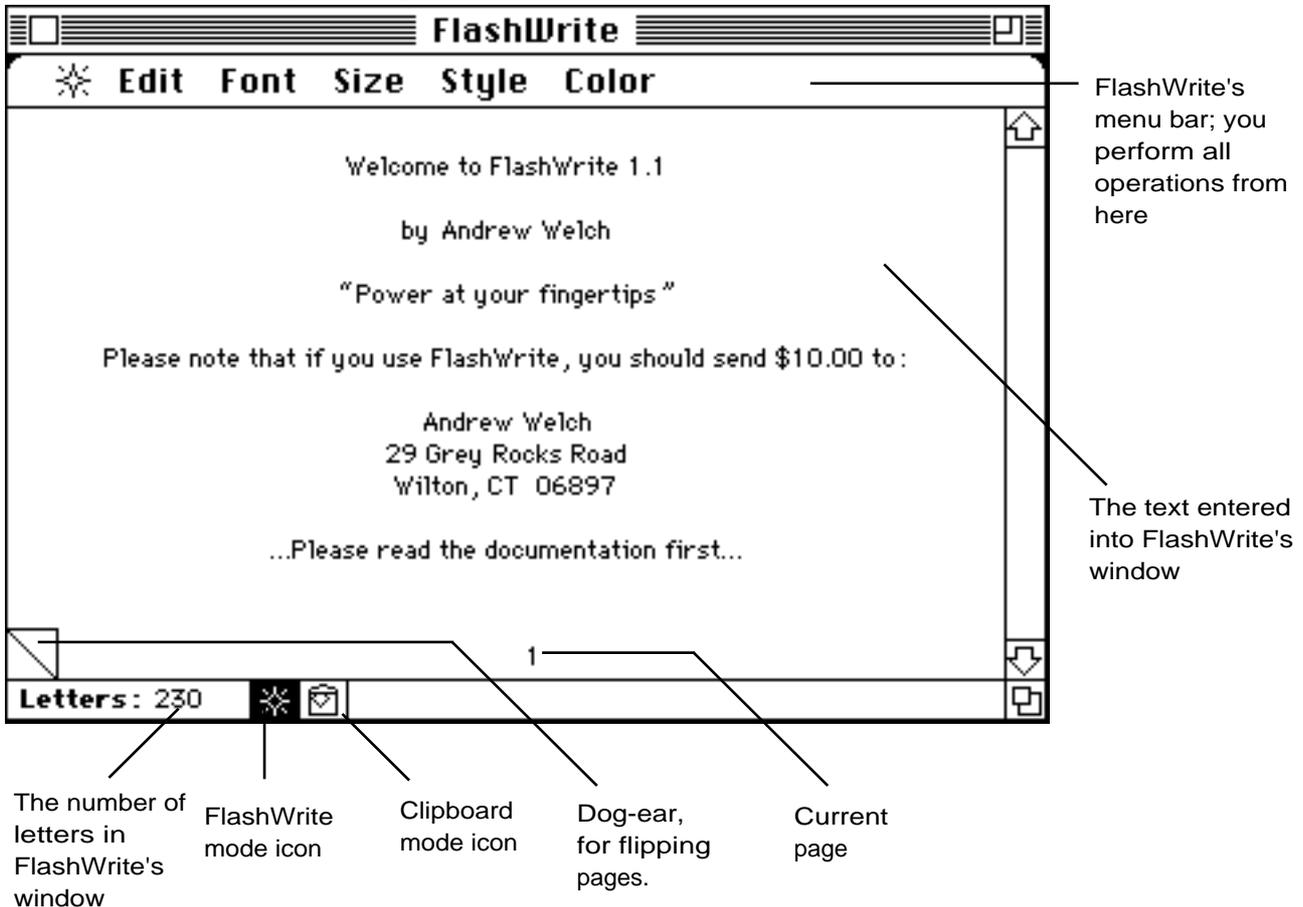
To start using FlashWrite, put it in your System Folder and Restart the computer. Next hold down the Command key , Shift Key, and hit Delete (Backspace on older Macs). In a few seconds, FlashWrite will pop up on your screen with a little greeting that I typed in it.

You'll notice that FlashWrite automatically remembers the size and location of it's window, the text you last had typed into it, and all the other settings such as font, size, style, justification, color, etc.

FlashWrite's opening window:

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│                                                        menu bar; you
│              Welcome to FlashWrite 1.1                 perform all
│                                                        operations from
│                 by Andrew Welch                        here
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│             "Power at your fingertips"
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│   Please note that if you use FlashWrite, you should send $10.00 to:
│
│                 Andrew Welch
│                 29 Grey Rocks Road                  The text entered
│                 Wilton, CT 06897                    into FlashWrite's
│                                                     window
│             ...Please read the documentation first...
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│ Letters: 230   ✳ ⬚                                   │
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The number of letters in FlashWrite's window — FlashWrite mode icon — Clipboard mode icon — Dog-ear, for flipping pages. — Current page

You will notice that there is a little menu bar in FlashWrite's window. Use this menu bar, in the same way as the standard menu bar, to access all of FlashWrite's functions.

In the FlashWrite mode (indicated by the inverted "flash" at the bottom of the window), you have up to ten pages to hold information. Each page can hold up to 32K of text. Use your standard Mac know how to edit this text (Cut, Copy, Paste, etc.) and choose the Font/Size/Style/Color you wish to have the text displayed in. To flip between pages in the FlashWrite mode, click on the dog-eared page, just like in the Note Pad. Changes you make in the FlashWrite mode are automatically saved.

To switch to the Clipboard mode, click on the little Clipboard icon. In this mode, there is only on page, which is the current contents of the Clipboard. In a sense, you are editing the text that is on the Clipboard directly. This is useful as a little "scratchpad", as you can type some text, close FlashWrite, and paste the text right into your program.

In all respects, FlashWrite's window is a standard one, you can grow it, size it, zoom it, etc. Note that FlashWrite works by completely suspending whatever you were doing when you invoked it. Because of this, you cannot use FlashWrite and your program's windows at the same time.

The only two commands in FlashWrite that need a bit of explanation are the Import and Export Text commands. These commands simply allows you to grab text from a text file on disk, and write the contents of FlashWrite's window into a text file, respectivly.

To configure FlashWrite, choose the Control Panel from the Apple menu and click on the FlashWrite icon. Here you can choose the creator of the text files made by FlashWrite, the default is MacWrite (if you don't know what you're doing, just leave it alone, it's a mere convenience for those who need it). You can also opt for automatic printer's "curly quotes" (i.e. ""), and an option called QuickBack. If QuickBack is enabled, if you click outside of FlashWrite's window, your are immeadiately taken back to your work.

Finally, by clicking on the Change Hot Key button, you can type the key(s) you would like to use to invoke FlashWrite. You can use just about any key(s), just be careful about conflicts with programs like QuicKeys™. Note that the current Hot Key doesn't change until you reboot your Mac.

FlashWrite now has a Find and Find Again capability. Both commands search from the current selection on, and do not wrap around.

FlashWrite now has printing capabilities, and it works fins under MultiFinder.

Well that just about sums it up, because FlashWrite is the kind of program that you should really try out and get a feel for. It is easy enough to use, and you'll find out for yourself what you can best use the program for.

Here are a few little tips about using FlashWrite:

• Use the Command Right & Left arrow keys to change from FlashWrite to Clipboard mode.

I would like to use the rest of the room here to thank everyone in the Mac community for supporting me in my shareware endeavors. I wish I had more time to thank the people who have supported me personally, but between College, my friends, my girlfriend (you know how that is!), and the commercial software I work on, I really don't have much free time, so I hope this will suffice: If you have supported me in the past, I truly thank you and will try to pay you back by writing more useful, inexpensive programs like FlashWrite.

-Andrew Welch (A.WELCH1 on GEnie) 10/10/89

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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What model Macintosh do you use FlashWrite on?_____

How would you rate FlashWrite? ☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair
☐ Poor

Where did you obtain FlashWrite? _____

☐   Enclosed is $10.00 to purchase FlashWrite v1.1.

☐   Just sending you a note!

Send to:

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Wilton, CT 06897**

*Please make checks payable to
Andrew Welch*