

installing SuperApple

To install SuperApple, just drag it into the System folder on your startup volume. Under System 7, an alert box appears explaining that the file belongs in the Control Panels folder. Click OK and let the Finder put it in the right place. Then choose Restart from the Finder's Special menu to complete the installation. (To de-install SuperApple, remove it from the System folder and restart.)

using Super Apple

Open the SuperApple control panel by double-clicking its icon under System 7, or choosing the Control Panel desk accessory from the Apple menu under System 6.

Make sure SuperApple is active by turning the Master Switch on. If you want to temporarily disable SuperApple without removing it from your System folder, click Off. If SuperApple is active, you should notice that the standard Apple logo has been replaced by the animation that's highlighted in the scroll box. To change animations, just click one of the other choices in the scroll box and it takes effect right away. Also, the individual icons that make up the animation appear at the bottom of the window. Click the arrows at either end to see what, if anything, lies beyond the boundaries.

Experiment with different animation speeds by clicking the Speed Control arrow buttons. Your choices range from Slowest to Fastest, or you can halt the animation altogether by setting the Speed Control to Stopped.

If you're not happy with the animations built into SuperApple, why not design your own? The easiest way is to select an animation, choose Copy from the Edit menu, then paste the series of icons into a graphics application or ResEdit. Make whatever changes you like as long as the image is at least 16 pixels high with every frame exactly 16 pixels wide. Copy the finished series to the Clipboard, switch back to SuperApple, then choose Paste from the Edit menu to present a dialog box.

Enter a name for your modified icons, then click OK to make them a permanent addition to SuperApple. If you change your mind, click Cancel instead.

The easiest way to share your animation creations with friends is to click Export. This presents a standard file selection dialog box, giving you the opportunity to save the highlighted animation to disk with whatever name you like. Your friends can then add your animation to their collection by clicking Import and opening your file. In addition to its own file format, SuperApple can also import animations created with CursorAnimator (a popular public domain utility for editing cursors) or ResEdit (cursor resources with a type of CURS or crsr must be gathered in sequence into an animation resource type).

Keep in mind that you can always get rid of an animation by highlighting it in the scroll box and choosing Clear from the Edit menu. Don't worry, you'll be asked to confirm that you really want to delete an entry.

When you're all done, click the close box and SuperApple replaces the Apple icon with whatever animation is currently selected. Feel free to come back and make changes periodically as your mood and preferences change. Or select the Randomize checkbox and SuperApple automatically picks a new animation every time you start the Mac.

compatibility notes

SuperApple works under System 6 and System 7 (v3.0 does)

contacting the programmer

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