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Description

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SaintEdit is a System 7, squeaky clean, robust general purpose text editor—not a word processor, not a page layout program, not a draw program—originally designed to read and edit enormous text files from the internet. Though it was intended to be a simple, trivial piece of software when I started on it a few years back, it soon became a very significant, major project.

SaintEdit has an intuitive, aesthetically pleasing user interface It is extremely fast and does not bog down when the file sizes get large. Though it is commercial grade software, I have elected to distribute it as a shareware product, ridiculously priced at a paltry $10.00. (To register, go to "Register SaintEdit" under the Apple Menu.)

Features Include:

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- System 7 Savvy
- Multiple open windows
- Memory dependent file size limit (greater than 32K!)
- Extensive Undo/Redo support
- Safe file saving routines
- Extensive Search and replace
- Color Day/Night Settings (change background color too!)
- FastScrolls™
- Drag and Drop any TEXT file
- Sleek Interface
- Printing Support
- Multiple Monitor Support
- Auto read UNIX and DOS files without messing with converters
- Save text files for Macintosh, UNIX, DOS, TeachText, TeachText Read Only
- Speech Manager Support
- And much, much more!

System Requirements:

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ANY Macintosh capable of running System 7, though SaintEdit really shines if you've got a color monitor and gobs of RAM.

Memory Based Editing

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I wanted speed, since RAM is abundant and cheap, there are no
scratch files or spooling techniques, SaintEdit will be distributed
with the RAM partition set to 1 M, this works rather well with a
512K text file load, although the undo support is memory dynamic,
there are scenarios that can use up a lot of memory. As an extremely
loose and general rule subject to change use the following formula -
> (The sum of average working files) x 2. For example: I want to
edit between 4 128K text files -> [(4 x 128) x 2] = 1024...

FastScrolls
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I can already see all the E-mail: "uhh, Craig, I found a bug - the
thumb in the scroll bar doesn't move 'till I let go of my mouse.
Like, what's the deal?" This is not a bug - it's a feature of
SaintEdit. This FastScroll option lets you scroll all the way to the
top or bottom of a document without "tripping" on the thumb. If it
really irks you, and you want the thumb to move as in other
applications, simply turn off "FastScrolls" in the Preferences.

What's with the shamrock?
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The shamrock button toggles show/hide invisible characters. Since
SaintEdit is fixed to a monospaced font, I did not use dots to
denote spaces: it's hard to distinguish a dot from a period, and
spaces are obvious.

About The Font
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SaintEdit uses a customized version of the Monaco font with the
following changes:

1. I added a slash to the zero '0' to differentiate it from capital
'O'
2. I modified capital 'I' to differentiate it from lower case
'l' (as in lime)
3. I changed <option> '1' from 'i' to the Blue Öyster Cult logo - ¡
4. I made a invisible character for CR   'Ø'
5. I made a invisible character for TABS '¬'
6. I made a invisible character for EOF '‡'

Colors
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I chose the default colors because they work quite well on color,
gray scale, and monochrome monitors. You can edit the text,
background and highlight colors by choosing "preferences" located
under the "File" menu. (To restore the default colors, trash the
SaintEdit Prefs file in the System Folder.)

Text Wrap

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The default window size 80 columns by 80 characters, the standard
format of text in terminal programs.

UNIX and DOS files

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SaintEdit auto converts all known text files.

Future Plans

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Future releases will support PICT images. I am also considering
writing a macro module.

Things you should know

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• Documents with lots of Tabs scroll more slowly when showing
invisible characters.
• You can not have blocks of text larger than 32K without at least
one carriage return.
• The special characters in the custom SaintEdit font will not print
– In order to ensure print quality, SaintEdit uses the Monaco True
type font for output.

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∗ Please read the "SaintEdit 1.1 Notes" for the latest changes ∗
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