MacAppStuff Scatter
User Manual

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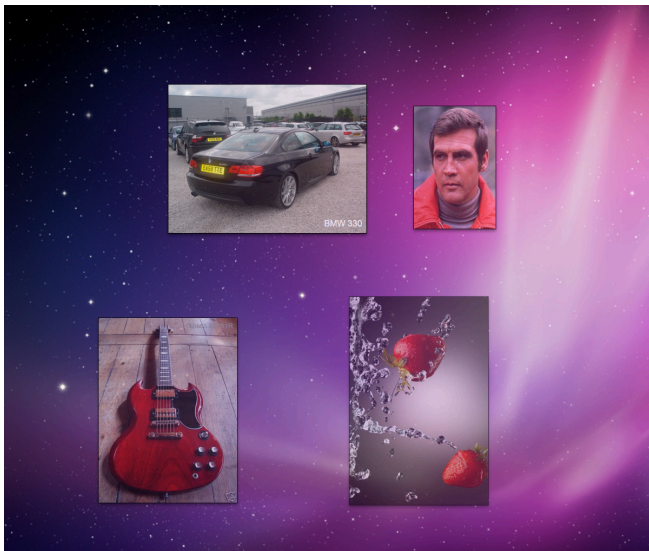
Introduction

MacAppStuff Scatter creates 'windows' out of your pictures (JPG or PNG) which can be placed anywhere on the screen (they do NOT sit behind desktop icons). These pictures can be resized, have transparency and include a text label if desired.

You can create desktop wallpaper using these pictures and a background wallpaper of your choice.

The app can be started automatically when your Mac starts (see Preferences).

Original pictures that you use with the app are not altered, they are copied by the app.

Features

This section discusses the various button and menu commands, where applicable.

The menu bar menu!
When the app starts it appears in your menu bar as an icon (usually in the top right area of your screen). Click its icon to show a menu with the following options:

New window
Creates a new, empty window in the center of your screen. You can drag an image file (from Finder, for example) to this window.

New from file
Allows you to select an image file, then creates a new window and populates it with the image file you selected.

Clear all
Clears the pictures from any windows you have created.

Delete all
Removes all the windows you may have created.

Hide/show windows
Hides (or shows) all the windows you may have created. This state is remembered, so if you quit the app and restart it later having hidden the windows, they will remain hidden.

Bring to foreground
Brings all windows to the foreground.

Hide others
Hides all other windows. You may need to click on the dock icon of other apps to bring back their windows.

About
Shows information about the app and it's author.

Website
Opens our website in your default browser.

Preferences
Shows the preferences window, see appropriate section below.

Quit
Quits the app.

Windows
You can resize a window by clicking and holding your right mouse button when your mouse is in the bottom right vicinity of the window. Drag the mouse while holding the button. The picture is scaled when you resize the window.

You can drag an image file (from Finder, for example) onto the window, or right-click on the window and use "New from file" menu option to select an image file.

Windows will 'lose focus' when you click on another window.

When you use the app for the first time a new, empty, window should be created for you.

You can right-click on a window for the following popup menu:

Change picture
Allows you to select an image file, then populates the window with the image file you selected.

New window
Creates a new, empty window in the center of your screen.

New from file
Allows you to select an image file, then creates a new window and populates it with the image file you selected.

Clear
Clears the image from the window (if there is an image).

Delete
Deletes the window.

Transparency
Allows you to select the transparency of the window by adjusting a slider.

Label
Allows you to have a text overlay on the window. You set the visibility, the text to show, its font, size and colour, whether it should be at the top or bottom of the screen, and the alignment (left, center, right). Be mindful that when a window loses focus, the text may change colour to indicate the window has lost focus.
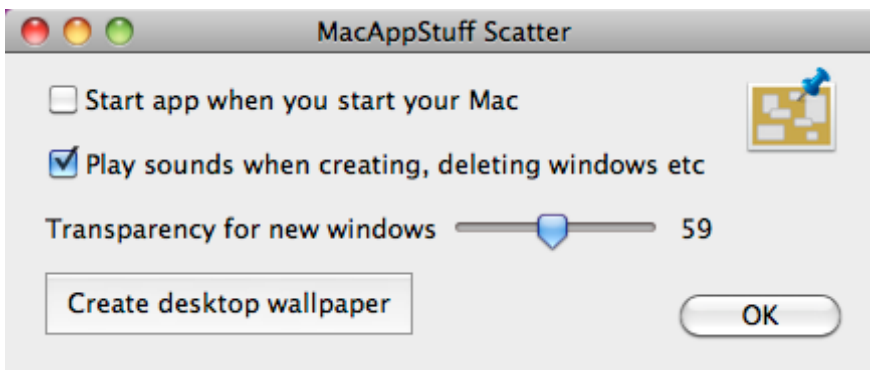
Rotate 90/170/280 degrees counter-clockwise
Does what it says....

Quit
Quits from the app.

Preferences

Start app when you start your Mac
When checked, the app will start whenever your Mac is turned on.

Play sounds when creating, deleting windows etc
If this option is checked, when create, clear or delete a window, or change its picture, a sound will be made.

Transparency for new windows
This setting will be used for all new windows you create.

Create desktop wallpaper
Clicking this button allows you to create a wallpaper (background) for your desktop using an image of your choice and the picture windows you have created in MacAppStuff Scatter.

You are asked whether you want to use the current wallpaper. If you do, MacAppStuff Scatter will attempt to find it automatically, if it can't you are asked to select an image file. This must be PNG or JPG format, and it will be scaled to fit the current screen dimensions if it does not already match them.

You are then asked to supply a name for the new wallpaper image file which will be created.

Lastly, you are given the option to set the new wallpaper as your desktop background.

Trial Limitations
The trial is designed to run for 14 days. After this time you will either need to purchase a license from our website (see below), or remove it from your computer. The trial only allows you to create 3 windows.

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