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Control Strip 1.3: Read Me (1/96)

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TOPIC -----

This article contains the ReadMe included with Control Strip software v1.3. This software is available online as part of the Display Software version 2.0.

DISCUSSION -----

About the Control Strip

The Control Strip is a new way of controlling certain settings from your desktop without opening control panels. You can change the following settings with the Control Strip:

- Monitor BitDepth lets you change the number of colors on your screen.
- Monitor Resolution lets you change the size of the screen.
- Sound Volume lets you change the volume of the system sound.

When you start up your Macintosh after installing Display Software 2.0, you will notice the Control Strip at the lower-left edge of your screen. (Note: on some models you will see different modules in the Control Strip.)

IMPORTANT Although the Control Strip appears on top of other applications' windows, you must be in the Finder to use it. If the Control Strip doesn't seem to be responding, return to the Finder by choosing Finder from the Application menu.

Using the Control Strip Modules

Changing the number of colors displayed

The BitDepth module changes the number of colors displayed on your monitors. To change the number of colors, press the BitDepth module and choose the number of colors you want from the menu. (The monitors are identified by the same numbers used in the Monitors control panel.) The change takes effect immediately.

Changing the screen size

Resolution changes the screen size of Apple Multiple Scan monitors. (Other monitors have a fixed screen size.) To change the screen size, press the Resolution module and choose the screen size you want from the menu. (The monitors are identified by the same numbers used in the Monitors control panel.) The change takes effect immediately.

Note: Some applications do not support resolution switching from the Control Strip.

If resolution switching does not work, try quitting the application, changing the resolution, and then restarting the application.

Changing the sound volume

Sound Volume changes the volume of the system beep. To change the beep volume, press the Sound Volume module and choose the volume you want from the menu. The softest setting is 1, and 7 is the loudest. You hear the system beep at the new volume. If you choose a setting of 0, sound is muted.

Note: You cannot use Sound Volume to change the volume of sound from a CD or a CD-ROM. To change the volume of sound from a CD-ROM, you must use the AppleCD Audio Player (located in the Apple menu).

Working With the Control Strip

You can move, collapse, and expand the Control Strip, and you can change the order of the modules.

- To move the Control Strip, hold down the Option key on your keyboard and drag the tab at the right end of the Control Strip. The Control Strip always stays on the left or right edge of your screen. If you drag more than halfway across the screen, the Control Strip moves to the other edge. If you have more than one monitor, you can drag the Control Strip to the left or right edge of the other monitor.
- To make the Control Strip shorter or longer, drag the tab to the left or right.
- To see hidden modules when the Control Strip is not expanded to its full size, click the right and left arrows.
- To collapse the Control Strip to its smallest size, click the tab or the box. To expand the collapsed Control Strip to its original size, click the tab.
- To move a module to a new position in the Control Strip, hold down the Option key on the keyboard and drag the control to where you want it.

Configuring the Control Strip

With the Control Strip control panel, you can show and hide the Control Strip and choose a keyboard command to show/hide the Control Strip. You can also choose the font that appears in the Control Strip menus.

- To show the Control Strip, click Show Control Strip. To hide the Control Strip, click Hide Control Strip.
- To turn on a keyboard command for showing and hiding the Control Strip, click "Hot key to show/hide." The keyboard command for showing and hiding the Control Strip appears in the "Current hot key" window.
- To change the keyboard command, click "Define hot key." A box appears. Press the keys you want to use, then click OK. You must include either the x (Command) key or a function key (F1-F15). You can also include other keys.
- To change the font that appears in the Control Strip menus, choose a font from the Font pop-up menu and a size from the Size pop-up menu.

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