

# PICTify

## version 1.0

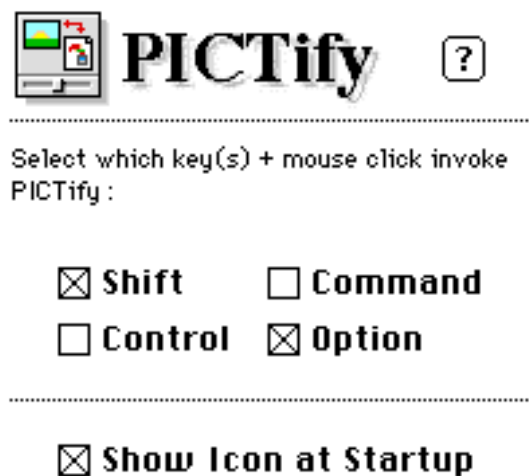
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PICTify is a Control Panel/Extension which serves as a screen capturing utility. Originally I wrote it with developers in mind ( particularly myself ), but I believe it may be useful for general use as well.

### **SETTING THINGS UP**

To use PICTify, you must place it in the Control Panels folder of your system folder and restart your Mac. You can specify which special keys are used in concert with the mouse to invoke PICTify and select the area you wish to 'capture'. A screen similar to the one shown below will appear. Click on the checkbox to select the corresponding key.

The other checkbox indicates whether you would like PICTify to reveal itself upon startup. Uncheck this box if you are the type who shudders at the thought of rows upon rows of icons on your display at startup, otherwise, leave it alone.



### **USING THE UTILITY**

To use PICTify, simply press the special keys you indicated while clicking the mouse at the location where you want to begin the selection of an area to capture. Drag the mouse to actually select the area (you may release the keys at this point). Once the area has been defined, release the mouse button. In a moment or two a save dialog box will appear via which you can specify the file name and type of document to save the captured picture to. Your choices are 1) A TeachText™ PICT document or 2) A 'PICT' resource in a ResEdit™ document. ( Programmers note: an additional 'RECT' resource is also saved which defines the global rectangle whence this picture came. This is useful for copying PICT's used in About Dialogs and the like and you don't have to fiddle with a paint program's ruler to determine the size of the PICT. just subtract the left from right value for width and bottom from top for height. ) Also note: for some strange reason, whenever the PICTify control panel is open, the save dialog box does not reveal the radio buttons for choosing the document type. If this actually happens, the PICT will be saved by default to a TeachText document.

### **MISCELLANEOUS RAMBLINGS**

PICTify is FREeware!

I know this is not the first utility of this type, but I think it has it's own unique qualities not shared by other screen capturing utilities, notably, the additional 'RECT' resource. I hope somebody finds it useful, I know I have.

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Thanks!

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