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Product Requirements: Mac OS X 10.2 or higher (including Panther).

Installation: Drag the files contained in the disk image to a convenient place on your hard disk.

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With DesktopCollage you can easily arrange images ("stickers") right on your desktop. You have complete control over the layering of the stickers and DesktopCollage even supports transparency, so stickers can take on any form - in the transparent regions you can still see the desktop.

Since DesktopCollage is designed to stay open all the time, it also makes up a fast, compact image viewer that is always at hand and that lets you display your images without disturbing window elements like title and scroll bars.

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(some of the images in this collage ©1990 Rick Doyle Photography)

To create a sticker, simply drop an image file on the DesktopCollage icon. Arrange the stickers using the mouse, the keyboard (arrow keys) or the "Navigator" panel.

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The Navigator panel pops up whenever a sticker is selected. Selected stickers are displayed inverted and can be moved around the screen using the green Navigator buttons. With the yellow Navigator buttons you can change the size of the stickers and with the orange and the red ones you control the layering in your collage. The purple Navigator buttons let you select the previous and the next sticker, respectively (you can use Shift-Tab and Tab instead) and the blue button deselects all stickers (same as the Return key).

To delete a sticker, select it and press the Backspace key (or choose 'Delete' in the 'Edit' menu).

Once you're satisfied with your collage, you should save your work by choosing 'File' > 'Save Collage' or 'Save Collage As...'.

Upon deactivation, DesktopCollage can send your collage behind the Finder icons. Since the collage is inaccessible to mouse clicks then, this feature is not active by default. It can be set from the Preferences panel.

To keep it open all the time, you might want to add DesktopCollage to your login items. To accomplish this, open your System Preferences, choose 'Login Items' and click 'Add...'. You also have to select the 'Hide' checkbox for full functionality. **In Panther 'Login Items' (now 'Startup Items') has been moved to the 'Accounts' panel in System Preferences.**

And now, have fun with DesktopCollage!

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