Getting Started

A quick-start guide to Eclipse

Ingredients

The Eclipse 3.0.1 ƒ folder contains the following items:

ere are descriptions of what you will find:

Eclipse
The Eclipse application is the actual program itself. Double-clicking on this icon launches Eclipse.

Eclipse Graphics
The Eclipse Graphics folder holds graphic and QuickTime files for Eclipse to display. The Eclipse Graphics folder must be kept in the same folder as the Eclipse application.

Eclipse Documentation
This is the icon for the document you are viewing. Hold on to this handy little reference manual in case you need it in the future.

Register Eclipse
Use this Register Eclipse application to register Eclipse and enter your license code. It shouldn't be thrown out or moved from the same folder Eclipse is in. Even after you register and enter your code, you may need to enter your code again if you get a new computer or hard drive.

Eclipse License.text
The Eclipse software license. Please read this text file before using Eclipse.

Eclipse 3.0.1 Notes.text
Information specific to this release of Eclipse.

Ambrosia FAQ.text
Frequently asked questions about Ambrosia Software, Inc. For best results, this document should be viewed using Apple's SimpleText™ application.

Eclipse Admin
This file is for network administrators who need to set a master password for the copies of Eclipse on their network.

If you are missing any of these items, contact Ambrosia Software's technical support department. We will be happy to provide information on where you can obtain all of the files you need.

Installation

If you are running a version of Eclipse prior to version 3, discard the older version by following these steps:

Out with the old...

• Remove the Eclipse Control Panel from your Control Panels folder. The Control Panels folder is found in your System folder
• Restart your Macintosh

In with the new...

• Double-click on the Eclipse application icon

The first time you launch Eclipse, it creates a file called "Eclipse Startup" and places it in the Startup Items folder on your machine. This causes Eclipse to load automatically when you start up your Macintosh. Eclipse asks you before it does this as a courtesy; for normal operation, you should allow Eclipse to create this file.

nce this is done, Eclipse is properly installed. The Eclipse 3 folder can be placed anywhere on your startup drive. Eclipse automatically launches every time your machine is turned on.

If you click on the "Don't ask again" button, Eclipse will never ask you if it should create the "Eclipse Startup" file again, which also means that Eclipse will never automatically launch when you turn on your computer. You will have to launch it manually when you want to use it. If you wish to create the "Eclipse Startup" file at a later time, you will have to trash the "Eclipse Preferences" file that resides in your Preferences folder and relaunch Eclipse.

Configuration

Setting up Eclipse is very simple. To configure Eclipse, choose "Preferences..." from the File menu.

clipse's preferences are divided into four sections. To switch to between the sections, choose the section you are interested in from the Options pop-up menu in the Preferences dialog box.

licking on a "Go To" icon will take you to the chapter that covers the topic in greater detail.

The Dimming Settings let you choose the amount of idle time Eclipse should wait before dimming the screen. You can also control the brightness level of the screen, and set the "Dim now" and "Don't dim" corners. Chapter 5 explains the Dimming Settings in greater detail
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The Display Settings allow you to choose what Eclipse should display when it activates: a dimmed screen, the time and date, or a collection of graphics and QuickTime movies. Eclipse displays any graphics (PICT's, GIF's, or JPEG's) or QuickTime movies that are placed in the Eclipse Graphics folder. Eclipse also resolves aliases to these types of files, as long as the aliases are in the Eclipse Graphics folder. Chapter 6 explains the Display Settings in greater detail.

Please note: You must have the QuickTime extension installed on your system if you want Eclipse to display JPEG files or QuickTime movies. Eclipse will skip over them if QuickTime is not installed.

The Security Settings allow you to set a password that protects your machine from prying eyes. You choose whether the password is needed to undim the screen, to change the preferences, to quit the program, or any combination of the three. Chapter 7 explains the Security Settings in greater detail.

The Application Settings allow you to specify applications Eclipse should never dim the screen in. When one of these applications is in the foreground, Eclipse will not dim the screen. Chapter 8 explains the Application Settings in greater detail.