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Subject: MacSnoop 1.4.4 redistribution warning


MacSnoop 1.4.4 Demo Redistribution Warning

I recently discovered what makes MacSnoop 1.4.4 a demo.  You can only use it
for a few weeks before the demo version will stop working.  This should be
adequate time for you to evaluate the program and decide if you want to pay
the shareware fee to get the real thing.  Note that this appears to be
implemented such that the program modifies itself to record usage dates and
whether the time limit has expired.  If you try to run the expired program,
it beeps at you.  If you run it a second time, it beeps twice.  I'm
reluctant to try a third time.

While the author is obviously free to protect his software as he sees fit,
this creates potential problems for user groups or other shareware and
public domain repositories that might redistribute this program.  You don't
know how long the program can sit in your archives before it is no longer
useful to distribute.
    It appears that the time limit starts the first time the program is
run. The MacSnoop 1.4.4 file as originally distributed appears to be good
until at least 10/17/89 IF IT HASN'T YET BEEN RUN.  If you archive a copy of
MacSnoop, be sure it is one that has never been executed, or future users
may be disappointed.

-Jon

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