
Subject: Re: Unix->Mac transition

Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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In article <3974AE36.225F194D@seadas.bigelow.org>, Ben Tupper
<tupper@seadas.bigelow.org> wrote:

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The first thing I did with my new G4 was buy a mouse. There are a number of good ones out there. I prefer one of the cheaper ones: I bought a Kensington Scroll Mouse for ~\$30. It has two buttons and a clickable scroll wheel. All the buttons can be programmed globally and for individual applications.

NB! Make sure you download the latest Kensington driver. The one that shipped with the mouse would crash my whole system when using Eudora.

Ken

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Posted by [promashkin](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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I have done code (.pro) transferring back and forth Unix - Mac a number of times. I never had to either worry about line feeds not file type. I guess my FTP defaults are set better than yours. However, I think that feature called "Suffix mapping" in Fetch can help in this case. Create a rule for extension .PRO to set creator to "MIDL" and type to "TEXT". .SAV files have SIDL type, MIDL creator. This is how IDL sets the fork. I don't even bother with this, as my default transfer type is TEXT, and IDL opens TEXT type easily, although the icons on files in Finder aren't as cute for non-IDL text files.

Once you get the files to the Mac, wait until you get "widget must be realized before you can..." compiler message. I had a bunch of those from the code that worked perfectly on Unix, once I tried to use it on the same version of IDL on the Mac. Add to that the different-looking GUI, and I am sure you will be pleased with the overall experience :-)
Good luck,
Pavel

Ben Tupper wrote:

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> Hello,
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> We are transferring some IDL work from a UNIX (IDL5.2, SunOS Release 5.7

> Generic) to a Mac (IDL5.3, MacOS 9). I had cleverly thought that I
> could simply ftp the bazillion .pro files from one to the other and
> away-we-go! Hope springs eternal and fools are born each day. The
> Mac IDLDE is not recognizing the .pro files. We have set the file type
> to IDL text (just as the RSI example code is set) using the Mac's file
> exchange control panel. No luck. The OS seems to be insisting that
> the .pro text files are actually 'applications'. I'm beginning to
> suspect that the UNIX flavor of text must be changed in some way to fool
> the Mac.
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> Any suggestions welcome. Thanks.
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> Ben
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> P.S. For what it's worth, the last Mac (a Mac PLUS) I spent time with
> had 4kb of memory, ran OS 6.01, had a mouse that looked like one, and
> didn't look so much like a tropical fish. Oh ,Toto, I don't think we
> are in Kansas anymore!
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> mass-converting file types and creators. If you don't want to re-do
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Whew!

The solution was (is) BunchTyper (Shareware = \$10). Each file had a
type code of APPL with creator MIDL.
BunchTyper rapidly.... very rapidly... converted each file to
TEXT:MIDL. Where's my checkbook? I owe that guy \$10 and many thanks.

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Yes, very odd. I would suggest that you get a utility that shows the actual type and creator codes associated with a file. I use ResEdit, which can be found in lots of places - here's one:

<http://www.resexcellence.com/resedit.shtml>

Go under the File menu, select Get File/Folder Info..., and then select one of the offending files. I would expect a type of APPL if the system thinks it's an application.

By the way, you can do lots of dangerous things with ResEdit, so be careful if you actually start using it to make changes.

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But I think it's free for educational and maybe non-profit institutions.

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In article <8l1vui\$g16\$1@news.lth.se>, Struan Gray
<struan.gray@sljus.lu.se> wrote:

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Definitely get BBEdit Lite, but I don't think that the CR - CRLF
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Yes, we have been using Fetch 3.03 (most recent version.) We even extended our capacity for cleverness by forcing FETCH

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We'll try this.

We did try a UNIX2DOS on a text file. That didn't help.

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Don't get me started. I use an old ADB dongle with an adapter since we still pass it round between various machines here and I didn't want a USB version that could only be used on some Macs. A useful side effect is that I get to use my old keyboard and mouse.

One solution to the 'which way is up' problem is to pop the side panels off the mouse. Or buy a better one elsewhere.

Struan

PS: the G4s are nice aren't they :-)

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Um, why not tar the files on the Sun, ftp the tar'd file, and use Stuffit Expander to expand it? (Don't know if the free Expander will do that, but registering the DropStuff component is very cheap). This will minimize the opportunity for any apps to try to be "smart" about setting file types/creators...

From a Sun you shouldn't need to do any CR/LF conversion, IIRC, and Stuffit should just unpack the .pro files as flat documents or with the correct creator/type.

I've never found explicitly setting mapping in File Exchange to be necessary. Try taking that entry out, if its still in there.

If you still get .pro's showing up as applications, something may be amiss with your Finder database. Try running TechTool Lite to check it.

- DJB

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