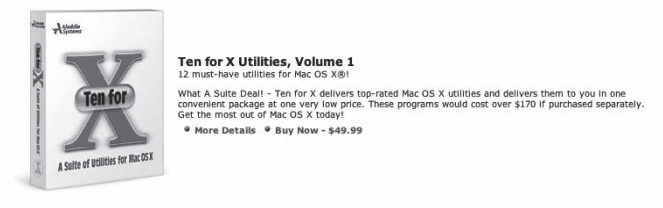


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options that the developers of the OS didn't give you.

It gives you the ability to customize the Apple Menu and contextual menus.

Using a visual (graphical) editor you can edit the contents of the menus to suit your needs.

FruitMenu will also display the contents of the FruitMenu Items folder inside your Library folder, launch applications and shell scripts for the Apple Menu and contextual menus, which allow you to easily navigate through and launch files. You can also assign hotkeys to menu items.

The use instructions were clear and concise; you can read them before you even install the download. Basically, it's one of those drag from the left menu to the right menu to add new functions to your OS X. And you can remove them by dragging back. You can also assign hotkeys to them. You can even rename some menu items. Although you can't assign hotkeys to contextual menus, you can add and remove items from that menu.

But there was only a read only file in the FruitMenu folder in my Ten for X Applications folder. For the life of me, I couldn't get it to work. After logging out and back in again as the instructions stated, there still wasn't a FruitMenu icon to click on to start it. And I really want to use some of the features of FruitMenu.

I went to the web site for 'unsanity', the developer, to see if they had an update for OS X 3. Wow! A brand new version 3.4 is compatible with Tiger back to OS X 2. I downloaded it, and immediately put the download into another Ten for X folder, which I would have kept in a special download file for future needs.

What a gift! The installer for FruitMenu 3.4 comes in a beautiful package. And you

know by the apple in blue that it's for Mac OS X. I was concerned that I'd won an outdated package of useless utilities -er- 'haxies', but now I'm excited. My excitement waned, when after reading the installation instructions I found that it was only viable for 15 days. I emailed the tech support for FruitMenu, but I haven't yet received an answer.

That problem occurred with a couple of other utilities. So I went on to AlarmClock S.E. 3.0.7. When I clicked on the AlarmClock icon in the Ten for X

Ten for X is the first in a suite of utilities assembled and offered by Allume Systems for OS X. I installed the entire package into a Ten for X folder in my Applications folder, so they'd be easy to find. (I've done this with my Adobe Applications too.)

Then I went to the Aladdin systems website to see if I could find an update for version 1.0.2. Couldn't find one. But I saw that there are newer versions of Ten for X with different applications in them. If you don't see what you're looking for in this version, go to: <http://www.allume.com/TenForX> to see what's in versions 2, 3 and 4.

The booklet that comes with Ten for X version 1 explains how to install and register the suite as one application, rather than having to install each utility one by one. Each product has a 'Read Me', 'User Guide' or 'Quick Start Guide'. The Booklet offers the Aladdin Systems support web page: <http://www.allume.com/support>. It also lists the name of each utility, a handy web page (each utility is developed by a different company) and a brief description of each utility. That's it, after that you figure out each utility on your own.

Ten for X is supposed to work on OS X 1 and OS X 2. I've been told that my new OS X 3 version 10.3.9 will run anything that runs on the earlier versions of OS X. Let's hope.

I decided to start with FruitMenu, a utility that Barry Cranshaw, coordinator of the Internet SIG, mentioned that he uses. FruitMenu is a 'haxie'. I think that means that it 'hacks' into your OS and gives you



Applications folder, an oval time window appeared along with a transparent calendar. And the seconds showed in the oval window, the seconds don't show in the

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OS X Date and Time 'window' setting, which has aggravated me for months now. And the Date and Time window setting is much too big. I'm immediately hooked on AlarmClock.

I started playing with the preferences. the thick blue border could be made invisible. Although it still kept me from moving the huge (yahoo!) clock display all the way up to the top menu bar. But I could move it down under the dock. so only the digits appeared. That's o.k. with me because the clock can be toggled on and off with 'shift and command and t'.

I liked the Times Bold font, but I could have changed it to almost any font, even my favorite, Verdana. When I turned on the 'drag corner' I was able to play with the border, which I'd turned on, and make it huge or small. That was great, because the numbers on the clock were still very big, but I could move it closer to the upper menu.

The calendar hid behind things, whereas the clock stays in front of things. 'shift and

command and c' toggles the calendar on and off. I'll have to play with the stopwatch timer. I'll use that one if it works the way I'd like it to, as well as the kitchen timer and the snooze timer. I set an alarm in the Alarms window to play music from my limited default iTunes playlist.

Two tries at two different times, I couldn't get the alarm to work. I like the clock though.

There are several utilities and offers of free subscriptions in the package. I'll have to work hard to learn each one and to figure out how to get an icon for some programs like FruitMenu. But this looks like a good package for anyone to invest in to make OS X work more enjoyably.

Ten for X version 1

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James Redgrave, Chicago SunTimes

FruitMenu

Customize Apple and contextual menus

LimeWire

LimeWire enables you to search for and share computer files with anyone on the Internet. LimeWire is compatible with the * Search by artist, title, genre, and more

PrintMagic X

Adds desktop printer functionality to Mac OS X.

Pop

Navigate the easy and natural way in Mac OSX. Pop lets you navigate files, launch programs, and documents easily using hierarchical menus

Pseudo

Launch apps in super user mode

ideaSpiral

Keep track of your ideas & projects!

iClean

Privacy is your right. Protect it with iClean.

WindowShade

X WindowShade functionality in Mac OS X. WindowShade X brings OS 9 windowshade effect to OS X. Double-click on a window's title bar, and it rolls up.

