

Exhaust Documentation



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Installation

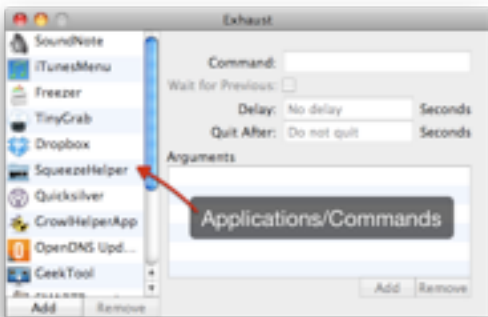
Place Exhaust wherever you want (Applications, Desktop, etc...) and then start Exhaust.

What does Exhaust do?

Exhaust will take all the login items out of Apple's login item system and puts them in it's own database so when the system starts, it can start all the applications with your options. Please read uninstall to learn how to put the login items back.

How to use

When you start Exhaust, it brings up it's GUI (General User Interface) with all the login items that are in it's database or was in Apple's database. Exhaust always run in the background so when you logout it can update the login items.



The arrow is pointing to the Applications/Commands list, which is the list of login items. When you select one, the options on the right will become editable for that item selected.

Options

Command: This is the command (Application/Executable) path that Exhaust will run at start, you can modify it to be whatever command you want. If the command does not exist or is not executable, changes will be ignored and you will hear a beep to notify that it did not change.

Wait for Previous: This option will stop starting all commands until the command above it in the list finishes launching and setting up. This can be used to reorder things such as menu bar items to the order you want by placing the first item above the next one and on the next one check wait for previous.

Delay: This will delay the start of the command to the specified seconds.
Quit After: This will quit the command after a delay of the specified seconds.
Arguments: This is for giving arguments to the command. If you are someone who does not know anything about UNIX, just forget about this option.

Adding a Command

To add a command, press the add button under the commands list and choose rather you want to add a Application or a Command.

Application

When you choose Add Application, it'll bring up a choose box to let you choose a application to add. Once added you can set options or place it in the order you want. You can also drag a application into the list where you want it.

Command

When you choose Add Command, it'll add an item which defaults the command to "/bin/bash" and the arguments to "-c" which is to execute a bash command in an argument below it. You can change the command from bash to any other command, just be sure to specify the exact location of it other wise it'll not work. If you don't want to specify the exact location, just add a argument under the "-c" and type in the command. If you do not know the exact location, open terminal and type in "whereis command" replacing command with the command you want to know where it is. If you do not understand UNIX, just forget about this.

Making it say a welcome message

I have got questions on how to do this, so here is how.

1. Add a command.
2. Replace the command location with "/usr/bin/say".
3. Replace the argument "-c" with what you want it to say.

If you want it to speak using a different voice, just add an argument with "-v" and another argument below it with the voice you want, for an example Ralph.

Uninstalling

Uninstalling Exhaust is quite easy.

1. Open Exhaust to where the GUI (General User Interface) appears.
2. Press command-q (apple-q, or the key next to the space bar and the q key while holding down the other key).
3. Read the message saying that it'll put all the items (except ones that are not applications) back into Apple's login item system.
4. And click quit.
5. Delete Exhaust.

To remove the preferences of Exhaust.

1. Delete ~/Library/Applications Support/MrGeckosMedia/Exhaust
2. Delete ~/Library/Preferences/com.MrGeckosMedia.Exhaust.plist

Delete means move to the trash and empty.

~ means your home folder or /Users/Name/

/ is a folder separator, the first one meaning the root of your hard drive or the icon that looks like a hard drive.

You may know folder as directory.

The trash is the thing in the dock that looks like a trash can.

The dock is the thing on the bottom of your screen or it may be on the left or right side.

Donations

I wrote this application for free, if you like it, why not thank me by donating? To donate, click this link https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=MGCBN8NHD8VQW.

Contacting Me

If you need help or if you have an idea for Exhaust, contact me at support@mrgeckosmedia.com or go to <http://mrgeckosmedia.com/contact>.

Thanks for downloading Exhaust,
Mr. Gecko.