MacAppStuff Pieces
User Manual

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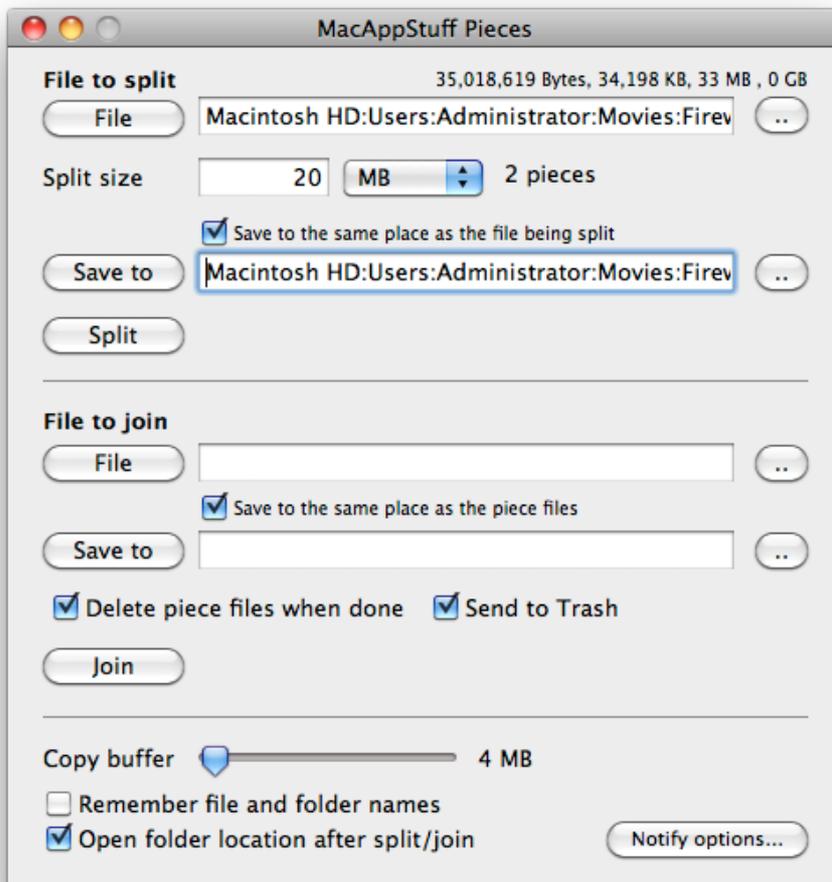
Introduction

This software lets you split large files of any type (including documents, AVI, MPEG, EXE, RAR, ZIP etc) into a set of smaller files called pieces for easier distribution (for example, via email, over the internet or for storage on multiple CD/DVD disks).

Pieces can be easily re-joined to make the original file. You or the recipient need MacAppStuff's Pieces to achieve this.

The main screen is divided into two main areas, splitting (at the top of the screen) and joining (at the bottom). You can drag and drop files from other programs (including Finder) to the file edit boxes.

Note: You can also drag/drop files onto the application's icon. Dropping a file ending in .001 will assume the file is to be joined, other files dropped will assume they are to be split. The name of the dropped file will appear in the relevant edit field, all you need to do is check the options and click the Split or Join button respectively.

Splitting

To split a file, either drag and drop it into the edit box next to the "File" button in the 'split' area of the screen, or click the "File" button and choose a file.

If you want to save the split pieces to another folder (other than where the original file is) then uncheck "Save to the same place as the file being split" and choose a folder by clicking on the "Save to" button (or drag a folder to the edit box).

Next, specify a 'piece' size by entering a figure in the "Split size" edit box. You will be informed how many pieces this will generate (maximum is 999 and you cannot enter fractional numbers like 10.3).

To re-join the files you (or the recipient of the pieces) will need MacAppStuff's Pieces.

Joining

To join pieces either drag and drop the first file (.001) into the edit box next to the "File" button in the 'joining' area of the screen, or click the "File" button and choose a file. Split files (pieces) usually have the extension 001, 002, 003 etc. Simply selected the first one (001).

If you want to save the completed file to another folder (other than where the pieces are) then uncheck "Save to same place as the piece files" and choose a folder by clicking on the "Save to" button.

If you want to delete the piece files after the joining has successfully completed, then check "Delete piece files when done", and to enable you to recover them (if necessary) you can check "Send to Trash".

Open locations

Next to each edit field is a button marked ".." which, when pressed, will open the location of the file/folder in the Finder.

If the text inside an edit field is red, it signifies the file/folder does not exist, or that you have specified a folder where a file should be or vice versa.

Copy buffer

The size of the buffer used when splitting/joining, the default value is 4 megabytes. You can increase the buffer for slightly faster results, but this may have the effect of temporarily locking the application, and if the buffer is too big it may slow down the application.

Remember file and folder names

This option will recall the last file and folder names you used. Uncheck this to have the file and folder edit fields blank each time you use the application.

Open folder location after split/join

After a successful split/join operation, the destination folder will be displayed in Finder.

Notify options...

Allows you to configure how (if at all) you want to be alerted when a split/join process has completed.
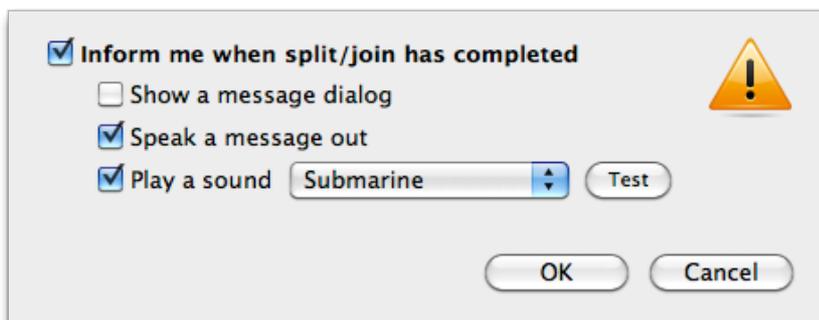
The message displayed/spoken is along the lines "Pieces has finished splitting/joining the file(s)".

Trial Limitations

The trial is designed to run for 14 days. After this time you will either need to purchase a license from our website (see below), or remove it from your computer. The trial is limited in that the following options are disabled: 'Delete pieces', 'Send to trash' and 'Open folder'.

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