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Afloat is a small Preference Pane that adds many features to windows of all Cocoa applications on your Mac — putting them where you need them to be.



- **So, what does Afloat do?**

New features in this version:

- Transparency of a window can be adjusted quickly using the mouse or the keyboard, either in steps (by using the “Less Transparent” and “More Transparent” commands of the Window > Transparency menu, or pressing $\wedge \text{⌘} \text{⌘}$ or $\wedge \text{⌘} \text{⌘}$); or smoothly, by holding down the Control (“ctrl”) and Command (“⌘”) keys and scrolling up or down with the mouse wheel or two-finger scrolling.
(The ⌘ and ⌘ keys are labeled “pg up” and “pg dn” on the keyboard of portable Macs.)
- Windows that are “kept afloat” (with the Window > Keep Afloat command) now fade in when the mouse is over them and fade out to transparency again when the mouse leaves them.
- You can drag windows without having to “grab” them from their title bar. To move a window, hold down the Control (“ctrl”) and Command (“⌘”) keys and drag any part of the window.
- If a transparent window has any drawers, those drawers will also become transparent.
- This version is localized in Traditional Chinese (courtesy of IOUDsCREAMER, loudscreamer@gmail.com), Spanish (courtesy of glue London Ltd.’s Stuart Parkinson, stuart.parkinson@gluelondon.com) and German (courtesy of Blue Technologies’ Marcus Fehn fehn@blue-tec.com).

Features already present in older versions:

- Make any window always-on-top or transparent using the commands added to the Window menu of all compatible Cocoa applications.

- **Installing and removing Afloat.**

To install Afloat, double click the Afloat icon in the disk image and follow the instructions given by the System Preferences application.

To remove Afloat, open the System Preferences application and click on “Show All” to show the list of preference panes. Then, hold down the Control (“ctrl”) key and click on Afloat’s icon in the “Other” section. A menu will pop-up. Choose “Remove ‘Afloat’ Prefer-

ence Pane” from it to remove Afloat. Logging out and back in is advised after you remove Afloat.

- **Using Afloat**

Once enabled, you will find Afloat’s commands in the Window menu (“Keep Afloat”, “Always on Top” and “Transparency”). In applications that have Afloat commands, you will also be able to change the transparency and move windows without dragging from the title bar, as described above.

For any problem or question, feel free to drop a line to millenomi+afloat@gmail.com or at my AIM chat account (“evthethinker”).