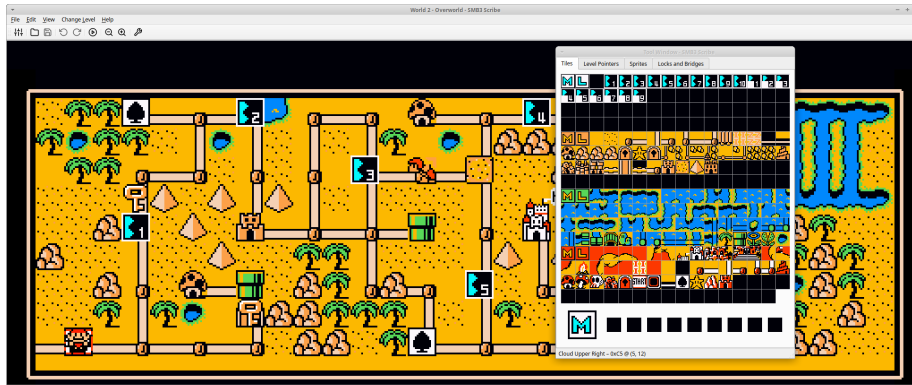


SMB3 Scribe - Overworld Editor



The World View

Placing Tiles

In the Tool Window you will find a palette of all available Overworld Tiles. If enabled in the View Menu, they will even be animated. This is important, since not all Tiles are fully animated and will thus not show up correctly in animated World maps. Tile animation can be disabled in the World Info Dialog, however.

After clicking on a Tile in the Tool window, your cursor should change to show this tile and clicking or dragging the cursor across the World View will “put” the tiles, where you want them.

Selecting existing Tiles

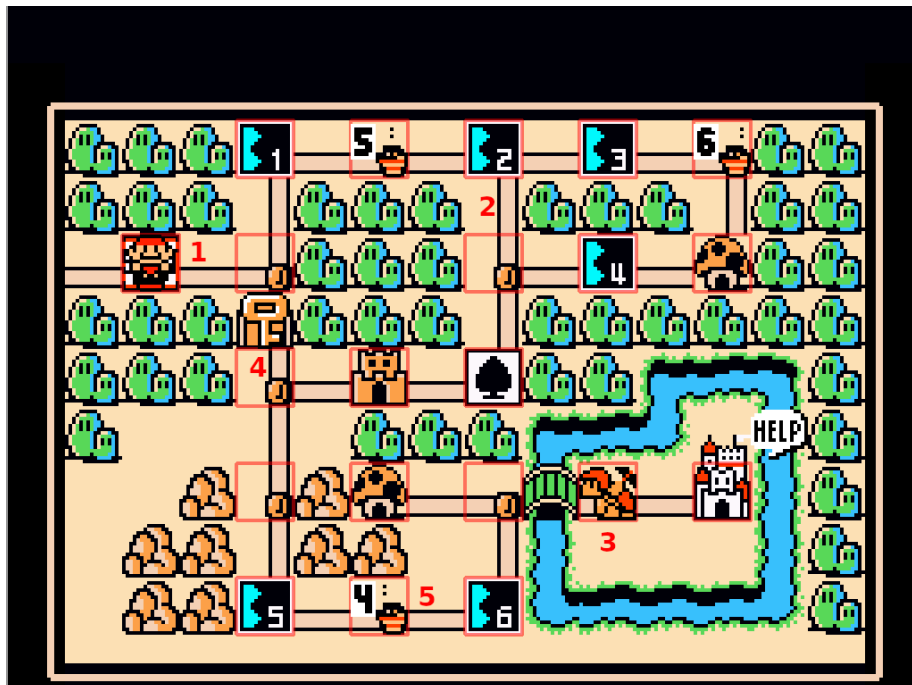
You can also press the middle mouse button over a tile in the World View to select it and use it as you would from the Tool Window.

Filling/Replacing Tiles

If you have a Tile selected and Shift-Click onto a group of the same tile in the World View, those will be replaced by the Tile you have selected currently. So if you, for example, selected a Tile with a Palm Tree on it and shift-clicked on the Tile above Mario’s Start Position, those 6 Bush Tiles would be replaced by Palm Trees.

Highlighting multiple Tiles

If you hold the Ctrl Key, then left-click and drag the cursor over the World View, you can highlight multiple tiles and copy them or move them in a group as you would expect.



1 - Start Position

This is the Position in the Map you start out on, when you first come into the Overworld. It is shown as a Sprite of Mario. You can change its y position by dragging Mario along the 2nd column, but you cannot change the x position of it, since the game has it hard coded as being 2.

There is an .ips Patch, that lets you move the Start Position anywhere you want, but that is currently not supported.

You can toggle if Mario is being shown in the View Menu.

2 - Level Pointers

Levels are put on the World Map in the form of Level Pointers. They point to a specific address for the Objects and Enemies/Items of the Level in the Rom and the Object Set of the Rom. More on this in the Tool Window Section later.

You can move them freely around the Overworld. Some Tiles can be used to enter a Level, whenever you step on it, some others, like the one on the right of Mario, need a Sprite, so a Hammer Bro, or an Airship on them, to activate. That's why there are Level Pointers on all "empty" spots in the Map.

You should also note, that Level Pointers in the 8th, so second to last, row are forbidden. This is, because when keeping track of the completed levels, the game

can only have 8 different row values, instead of the 9 it would need. So it was decided, to not have any Levels on Row 8 and give that spot to Row 9 instead.

I'm not sure what happens, if you do put a Level there. It might just not get seen as completed, or the game crashes.

3 - Sprites

Sprites are things on the Overworld, that can move, unlike Tiles, which might be animated, but are stationary in terms of their position.

You can place them freely on the map and sprites like Hammer Bros will follow any path they are put on at random, whenever a level has been exited, by the player. More on this in the Tool Window Section later.

4 - Locks and Bridges

An overworld can define 4 different Effects, that happen, when a Fortress is cleared, or more specifically, when a Boom Boom is killed and its Orb collected. More on this in the Tool Window Section later.

Since this is first used to “open” a Lock, I decided to represent them as Keys on the World View. The Lock in this case is not actually opened, its tile is simply replaced by another of a straight path.

You can change which Tile should be replaced, by dragging the Key around.

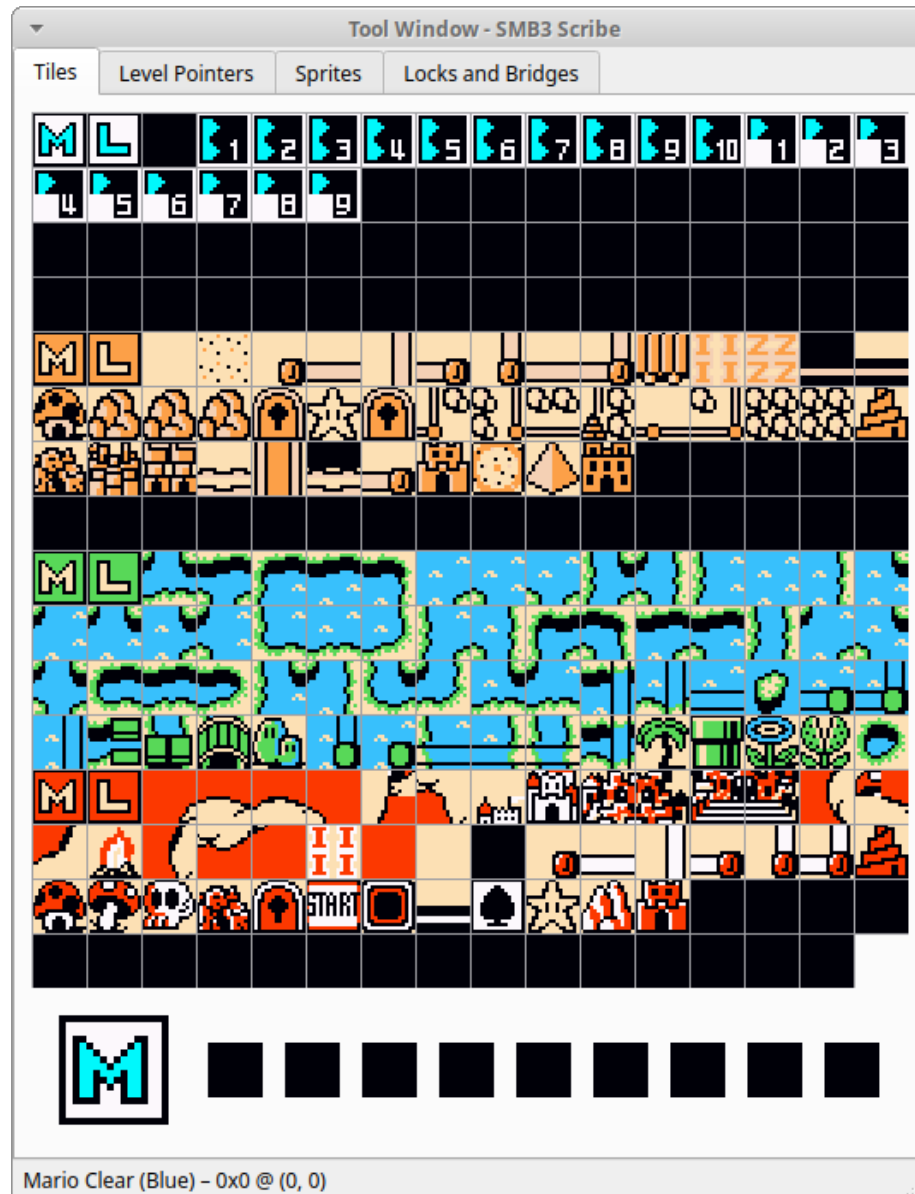
5 - Airship Travel Points

Each Overworld can define 3 Paths with 6 points each along which an airship can travel. Which one of these is used, is determined when you enter the world and is random, so if you really need the airship to travel a certain path, then just have all 3 paths be the same.

In the View Menu, you can activate each Path by itself, to make it easier to drag the individual points across the map. Those are marked with their number and a little dot next to it. Every dot is in a different Position, so you can see all airship points, even if they are on top of each other. In the example above, Point 1 and 4 are at the bottom and Point 3 and 6 are in the top right.

Tool Window

Tile Picker



The Tile Picker shows you all available Tiles you can use in the World Map. They will be colored based on the World palette of the current world and, if enabled in the View Menu, the Tiles will be animated.

Notice that every 4 consecutive rows have the same 4 colors to choose from.





















Let's call that a sub palette. It will be important later.

When clicking on a Tile, your cursor should change to that Tile, and it should be placed in the larger Tile Icon in the bottom left Corner.

When choosing another, the previously selected Tile is pushed one space to the right, so that you have your most recent Tiles always in reach.

You can hover over the Tiles and their name and tile index are shown in the Statusbar at the bottom of the Window.

Level Pointer List

Tool Window - SMB3 Scribe				
<div>Tiles</div> <div>Level Pointers</div> <div>Sprites</div> <div>Locks and Bridges</div>				
	Object Set	Level Offset	Enemy/Item Offset	Map Position
1	Plains	0x1fb92	0xc537	 Screen 0: x=4, y=2
2	Hilly	0x213fb	0xc73b	 Screen 0: x=6, y=2
3	Hilly	0x20f3a	0xc6ba	 Screen 0: x=8, y=2
4	Plains	0x1ee19	0xc2fe	 Screen 0: x=10, y=2
5	Hilly	0x213fb	0xc73b	 Screen 0: x=12, y=2
6	Sky	0x232cf	0xcbf5	 Screen 0: x=2, y=4
7	Hilly	0x213fb	0xc73b	 Screen 0: x=4, y=4
8	Hilly	0x213fb	0xc73b	 Screen 0: x=8, y=4
9	Sky	0x23511	0xcc43	 Screen 0: x=10, y=4
10	Mushroom	0x24d70	0x710	 Screen 0: x=12, y=4
11	Hilly	0x21415	0xc73b	 Screen 0: x=4, y=6
12	Dungeon	0x2a96d	0xd33b	 Screen 0: x=6, y=6
13	Spade Bonus	0x2a010	0x11	 Screen 0: x=8, y=6
14	Hilly	0x213fb	0xc73b	 Screen 0: x=4, y=8
15	Mushroom	0x24d70	0x710	 Screen 0: x=6, y=8
16	Hilly	0x21415	0xc73b	 Screen 0: x=8, y=8
17	Hilly	0x213fb	0xc73b	 Screen 0: x=10, y=8
18	Dungeon	0x2a847	0xd2bf	 Screen 0: x=12, y=8
19	Underground	0x1aa51	0xc93b	 Screen 0: x=4, y=10
20	Hilly	0x213fb	0xc73b	 Screen 0: x=6, y=10
Blank Square - 0xFD @ (13, 15)				

This table contains every Level Pointer currently in the World Map. They are listed in the order they are stored in the Rom, which should usually also be the order by screen, then row, then column. When the Editor saves a World it makes sure that the level pointers are in that order.













You can change the Object Set of each Pointer and the address of both the

Objects (Level Offset) and the Enemies. The Level information can be more comfortably set through Foundry, however, by opening the Level and placing it onto a Level Pointer.

The position, along with the Tile at that position are only shown for informational purposes. You can change their position, by enabling Level Pointers in the View Menu and simply dragging them around the Map.

If you want to add or remove Level Pointers, you can do that in the World Info Dialog.

Sprite List

Tool Window - SMB3 Scribe				
<div>Tiles</div> <div>Level Pointers</div> <div>Sprites</div> <div>Locks and Bridges</div>				
	Sprite Type	Item Type		Map Position
1	 'HELP!' Speech Bubble	No Item		Screen 0: x=13, y=7
2	Empty	No Item		Screen 0: x=12, y=8
3	 Hammer Bro	 Star		Screen 0: x=10, y=8
4	Empty	No Item		Screen 0: x=0, y=2
5	Empty	No Item		Screen 0: x=0, y=2
6	Empty	No Item		Screen 0: x=0, y=2
7	Empty	No Item		Screen 0: x=0, y=2
8	Empty	No Item		Screen 0: x=0, y=2
9	Empty	No Item		Screen 0: x=0, y=2
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This tab lists all the Overworld Sprites. As you can see, there is a hard coded limit of 9 Sprites, although no world actually uses that many.

You can change the Sprite Type by double-clicking on a cell. A Dropdown with all possible values will appear. Note that, while the Hammer Bro Sprites look different depending on which kind of Hammer Bro it is, they should all look the

same in the actual game.









Akin to the Level Pointer List, you can not change the Map Position of a Sprite in this List, but you can enable them in the View Menu and then simply drag them around.

Empty Sprites, meaning those entries without a Sprite Type set, will not be rendered in the World View and thus cannot be moved around. So simply give it a Type first and move it then.

The Sprite Item is mostly relevant for the Hammer Bros and is what you get in the chest, after you beat them after encountering them on a Map.

You will notice, that the second Sprite is Empty in all Vanilla worlds. That seems to be, because the Airship sprite is placed there, once it shows up, so you should probably use up all the other spaces first, before going there.

Locks and Bridges

Tool Window - SMB3 Scribe					
Tiles		Level Pointers	Sprites	Locks and Bridges	
	Replacement Tile	Lock Index	Boom Boom Y Positions	Map Position	
1		0x46	0x0	0x10 - 0x1f	 Screen 0: x=4, y=5
2		0x46	0x0	0x20 - 0x2f	 Screen 0: x=4, y=5
3		0x46	0x0	0x30 - 0x3f	 Screen 0: x=4, y=5
4		0x46	0x0	0x40 - 0x4f	 Screen 0: x=4, y=5
Blank Square - 0xFD @ (13, 15)					

Locks and Bridges describes the functionality of replacing a Tile on the World Map with another tile, when a Boom Boom is defeated and its Orb collected. There are 17 entries, defining the Replacement Tile and the Map Position of the tile to be replaced.

A World Map can choose 4 out of the 17, so at most 4 Tiles can be replaced by

defeating 4 different Boom Booms.

The replacement tile should be obvious and double-clicking on it pops up a Tile Selector. Remember, however, that tiles are grouped by their sub palette. When replacing a Tile using this mechanism here, it keeps the sub-palette of the one it is replacing. Meaning replacing a horizontal path from the second group of tiles with a Level-10 Tile of the first group of tiles, will make the Level-10 Tile look like it was made out of sand. Therefore, consider only replacing tiles within the same sub-palette.

The Lock Index tells you which of the 17 Locks you are currently editing. In the Vanilla Game no Lock is reused, except for the Lock with Index 0, which is what all unused entries are. It is only actually used in World 1.

There is nothing stopping you from reusing Locks in more than one World though. If the replacement works out in both Worlds, go for it.

The Boom Boom position is just additional information. A Boom Boom needs to be put at that one of those y positions to result in the Lock of that row to be popped. But in Foundry, selecting the Lock is done via the Level Settings, so there is no need to remember this and to set the Boom Boom to a position in that range by hand. Simply put it where you want the Boom Boom to be.

World Info

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Edit World Info

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World Data


☐ Scrolls to next screen, when at the edge

Color Palette Index

0x0

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Bottom Border Tile



Ticks between Animation Frames

17

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	World Name	Screen Count	Level Count
1	World 1	1	21
2	World 2	2	47
3	World 3	3	52
4	World 4	2	34
5	World 5	2	42
6	World 6	3	57
7	World 7	2	46
8	World 8	4	41

Your worlds have 19/19 screens and 340/340 level pointers.

OK

World Data Settings

Just because a world consists of multiple screens, does not mean it needs to scroll between those. You could also connect them via Pipe Pairs in Foundry and hide the fact, that there are multiple screens. That is achieved, by disabling scrolling.

If you have a World with more than one screen, disable scrolling and still walk past the first screen, you'll find Mario wrapping all the way around the screen and coming back onto the left of screen one. His movement and the Levels are based on the second screen, but it is not shown at all. This can be used to make seemingly inaccessible areas in screen one reachable, by building the path on the unseen second screen and disabling scroll causing Mario to wrap around.

Note that World 5 and World 8 are hard coded to not scroll. Enabling it, won't do anything, unfortunately.

The color palette index changes which sub palettes the Tiles use. There are 8 in total, basically one for each world.

The Bottom Border Tile can be set to anything you want. There is one, that is dependent on the world palette, which is used for all but one World and one which is black, no matter what the world palette is, which is used for World 8 exclusively. Might look goofy, when you use neither one, but you can use every Tile there is.

The upper and side borders are always the same, however, and cannot be changed.

The ticks between Animation Frames determines how fast the animated Tiles should change through their Frames. The smaller the value is, the faster they switch. A value of 0 deactivates Animation, which can be necessary to use certain Tiles in your Map.

Note that World 5 and World 8 Screen 4 are hard coded to not have animations. This is represented in Scribe, where these parts are also not animated, no matter what is set here, to stay true to the Rom.

World Order and Size

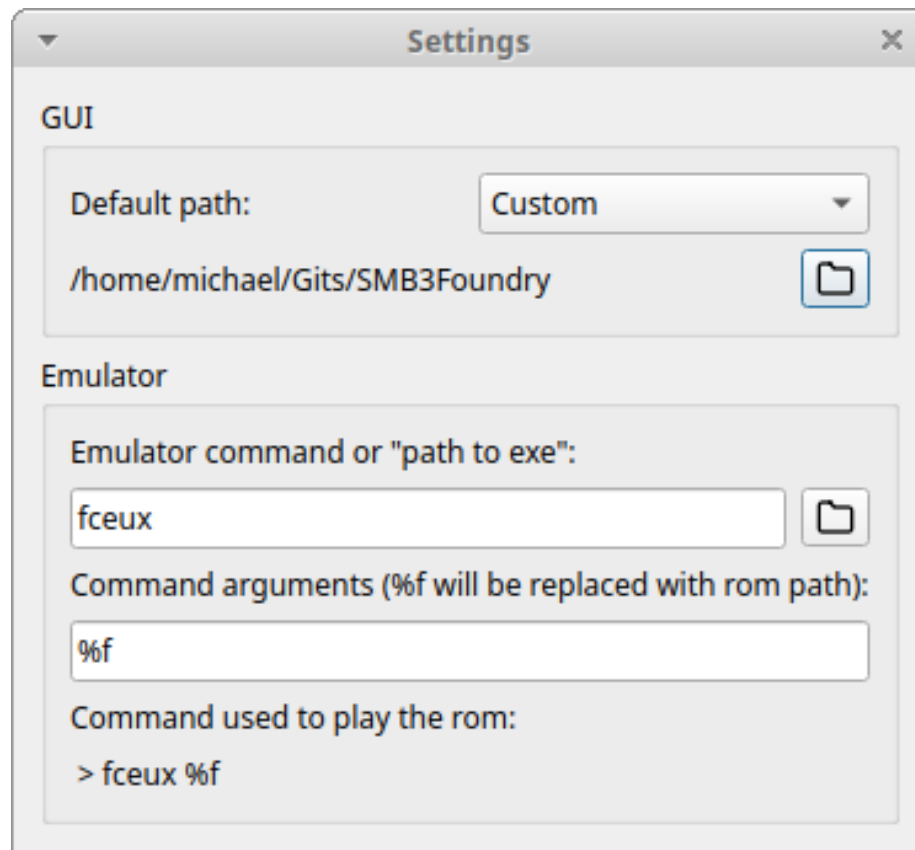
In this list, you can change the Order of the current Worlds, by dragging them around or change their Screen and Level counts, by double-clicking them. There is a hard cap of 19 Screens (technically 20) and 340 Level Pointers (technically 350) in total for the game. How those are distributed is up to you though. You could take some Worlds out by giving them 0 screens and make the remaining ones all gigantic, for example.

The missing screen and Level Pointers belong to Warp World, which is also the only one whose position you can't change. This is because a lot of code depends on it being where it is and having the Level Pointers that it has. The Level Pointers actually don't really exist with an Object Address, Enemy Address

etc. They are simply marked as “at this position” and are then used to jump to different worlds. That’s why it doesn’t make sense to let that world be edited.

Note: Changing the position of the current world might be a bit buggy, with the GUI not reacting to it, but internally everything is taken care off and will be saved just fine.

Editor Settings



GUI Settings

The default path option lets you choose where the Editor starts off when opening, or saving a Rom. Normally it would open, from a folder in your temp directory, since that is where the editor lives, when you open it (technical detail), but by setting this to either one of the predefined options, or by clicking the folder button and navigating to your Roms folder, for example, you don’t have to search it out everytime you open the editor.

Emulator Settings

To be able to use Instaplay to try your World Maps right out of the Editor, you will need to set either a command, as shown here, that you would use on the commandline to open your emulator, or a path by clicking the folder button and searching for the executable of your emulator of choice.

Scribe is using the command line to open the emulator, so in the second textbox you can set any command line parameters you like. If you don't know what that means, either check the manual of your emulator or just leave it as it is.

The %f will be replaced with a path to the temporary Rom the Instaplay feature creates and your emulator is hopefully smart enough to just open any file it's given.