This is the README.txt file that accompanies the first release of Percival, version 1.00, dated 8 February 2007.

Percival is a rather minimalist image editor that does just one specialized thing well enough that some people may find it useful: Percival allows pixel-by-pixel touch-up and minor alteration of images that are 128 by 128 pixels in size, or smaller. Images that are 128 by 128 pixels are a standard size used for Macintosh icons. Thus Macintosh developers may find occasional use for Percival.

Percival is shareware: You are welcome to use Percival for free, forever, and to pass out free copies of it to anybody else. If you would like to make a shareware donation for it, that's fine, and there is information in the program about how to go about it, but in no sense do I request, insist, or expect that you do so.

The Percival software and its related documentation are provided AS IS, and without warranty of any kind. I expressly disclaim all other warranties, expressed or implied, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

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System Requirements:

Percival requires an Apple Macintosh (trademark) computer running OS X 10.4 or later. The application takes up about 250 KByte of storage on disk, and can run usefully in as little as a few MByte of memory. Percival is Universal Binary (trademark), and should run equally well on Macintoshes using Intel microprocessors and on Macintoshes using PowerPC microprocessors.

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The Distribution Includes:

    -- This text file.

    -- The Percival application, "Percival.app". (Depending on your Finder preferences settings, you may not see the ".app" extension, but you will probably see the little striped-gray cat-face icon.)

    -- A copy of the help file, "Percival Help.html". There is a copy of the same file embedded within the application, which you may open and read by using the Percival Help Menu. I provided the extra copy so that you can read it on computers that are not Macintoshes, or in case you would like to

learn a little more about Percival before trying it out.

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Installation:

   To install Percival, drag the application to wherever you would like it
to put it -- perhaps in your "Applications" folder -- and do whatever you
like with the other items of the distribution.

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Running the Program:

   Click on the application icon, and away you go. The simplest way to
load an image for editing is to "drag" the image file to the small square
panel on the left side of the Percival window.

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Notes for this Release:

    It is probably only fair to call Percival 1.00 a "beta" version. It
is entirely possible that someone will do things with the program that I
didn't think to test, or tested incorrectly, and encounter a bug in the
first five minutes. If that happens to you, let me hear from you. Contact
information for me follows this paragraph. Seriously, bug reports from
users are immensely valuable: Please send them in.

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   Check the "Software" page of my web site from time to time for newer
releases and additional information.

   I would love to hear from anyone using Percival.

                        -- Jay Reynolds Freeman