

This "README" file accompanies the twelfth release of the 32-bit version of Wraith Scheme, version 1.36, release date 17 November 2009.

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System Requirements:

This version of Wraith Scheme requires an Apple Macintosh running OS X 10.4 or later. The application takes up less than 6 MByte of storage on disk. Wraith Scheme is universal binary, and should run equally well on Macintoshes using Intel microprocessors and on Macintoshes using PowerPC (trademark) microprocessors.

This version of Wraith Scheme is a 32-bit application.

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Contents:

The distribution includes copies of both this "README"

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

Several other files of interest, including a copy of this "README" document, a great deal of documentation and explanatory material, and some examples of Scheme source code, are embedded within the application. You can open them from the Wraith Scheme Help Menu.

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Installation:

To install Wraith Scheme, drag the application to wherever you would like it to put it -- perhaps your "Applications" folder.

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Running the Program:

Click on the application icon, and away you go. Wraith Scheme starts by running a short demonstration program to introduce Scheme to newcomers. When you are tired of looking at the demonstration every time the program starts, you can disable it from the "Preferences" window, which is opened by an item in the "Wraith Scheme" menu.

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Notes for this Release:

Wraith Scheme version 1.36 is a "full R5" implementation of Scheme; that is, it supports all required features of Scheme that are described in the "R5 Report":

Richard Kelsey, William Clinger and Jonathan Rees (editors), 20 February 1998. "Revised5 report on the Algorithmic Language Scheme". (Available on several Internet sites, such as <http://www.schemers.org>)

Wraith Scheme also supports many features described as optional in the R5 Report, and in addition includes some enhancements.

This release is by and large a bug-fixer for the previous release. For details, see the section, "What's New", in the Wraith Scheme help file, which is accessible via the "Wraith Scheme Help" command in Wraith Scheme's "Help" menu.

It all too likely that someone will do things with Wraith Scheme that I didn't think to test, or tested incorrectly, and encounter a bug in the first five minutes. Or it may happen that you encounter a system-dependent bug of some kind, that does not occur on any Macintosh that I used for testing Wraith Scheme. If either of those things happens to you, or if you encounter any other bug or problem, do let me hear from you. Contact information for me follows this paragraph. Seriously, bug reports from users are enormously valuable: Please, 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 Wraith Scheme.

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