

## PortAuthority 2.3 makes MacPorts easier to use

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PortAuthority aims to bring the power of MacPorts to the traditional Mac user by providing a user-friendly graphical interface to MacPorts. Using a familiar combination of windows, icons, and menus, PortAuthority users can search, install, update, and remove MacPorts programs and the MacPorts infrastructure itself.

Version 2.3 includes the following improvements:

- \* Major enhancements in speed and responsiveness.
- \* All tree and table items return data with a single click.
- \* Searching and sorting information is now much faster; the list of ports is cached and updates by calling MacPorts only when a package is removed or added.
- \* When installing a port, user stays in the same table view when the installation is done; it no longer pulls away to the updated list of packages.
- \* The progress bar and beep are only called during long-running processes (installing, removing, upgrading ports). Simple or quick processes (fetching info, filtering by category) simply display the proper data.
- \* Bug fix: Preferences now update correctly.

PortAuthority is shareware; licenses are available for \$20 and a 30-day demo is available. Version 2.3 is a free upgrade for users with a valid serial number. PortAuthority is a universal binary and requires Mac OS X 10.4. For more information, visit <http://www.codebykevin.com/portauthority.html>.

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