

illumineX ships EyeSpy for macOS - New Twist on Classic Toy

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illumineX CEO Gary Longsine says, "EyeSpy is the result of applying decades of commercial software and enterprise system design experience to a free toy."

The all new EyeSpy project began with a conversation about a curious problem and a crazy idea. The problem was that even after 15 years off the market, people still occasionally asked for an update to this fun bit of software. People missed the simple cartoon eyes watching their mouse cursor. But EyeSpy needed more than merely to be modernized for current versions of macOS. The EyeSpy codebase hadn't been touched in 15 years. Merely making it build and run wasn't likely to scratch the itch. The crazy idea was to apply a modern enterprise design process to an old free toy, and completely rebuild it from the ground, up.

illumineX began by setting a few goals for the project, similar to those a typical enterprise or government client might seek when refactoring an enterprise mobile app. Adding "cloud services" isn't enough. It's important to begin by re-thinking the app purpose and core requirements. illumineX set three top level goals for the EyeSpy project: Monetization, Gamification, and Technology refactoring.

* Monetization - Make it possible for the application to support its own continued development, and more importantly support periodic refresh of the artwork in cooperation with professional artists.

* Gamification - Make EyeSpy feel playful and fun, even though it doesn't have an objective. illumineX wanted EyeSpy to be a pleasant distraction, like playing with a rubber band on a phone call.

* Technology Update - Build a foundation for EyeSpy for the next decade using modern tools including Swift, and modern API including SpriteKit and CoreAnimation.

The result of taking EyeSpy through the same design, marketing, and engineering re-think process that illumineX use to help their clients is the all new product delivered this week to the Mac App Store. It takes quite a bit of effort required to make something seem simple, even when the starting point is a simple toy.

illumineX introduced a variety of subtle features to make the simple toy feel playful and fun. (Try grabbing the cartoon character and throwing it off the edge of your screen.)

Using the same Agile development process they use for clients, illumineX designed,

prototyped, reviewed in marketing focus groups, and refactored through multiple development iterations. As you can see in the EyeSpy app today this process was able to produce an In-App Purchase experience which seamlessly integrates finding and purchasing new characters for the app.

The Agile process was a key to successful development of the all new EyeSpy. illumineX CEO Gary Longsine said, "The final design of the In-App Purchase Store was very different and dramatically more effective than the originally specified design early in the project."

The iterative design and marketing review process also revealed a fourth import goal: social media sharing. Sharing was the most requested feature from every focus group. illumineX showed early versions of the app to over 50 people and almost everyone asked the same question: How can I share the cartoons? Even though it wasn't originally specified, sharing was added as a top level goal for the project on the basis of this feedback.

EyeSpy Features:

- * Easy to discover and download new Characters via secure download from In-App Store
- * Available ArtPaX include Barnyard Babies, Citron Spies, and Eye Scream
- * Cartoon sound effects and actions (try grabbing a character with the mouse and tossing it off the edge of the screen)
- * Share Characters via Twitter, Facebook, Messages, and any platform supported by macOS
- * Characters can be sized from Itty Bitty to Crazy Big
- * Easy selection of character via Character Settings window or Command-Click
- * Supports multiple monitors
- * Character can be placed anywhere on your Desktop simply by drag it to where you like

System Requirements:

- * macOS 10.12 (Sierra) or higher
- * 64-bit processor
- * 16.1 MB

Pricing and Availability:

EyeSpy 2.0.1 is Free and available worldwide exclusively through the Mac App Store in the Lifestyle category. After you download EyeSpy, simply double-click the EyeSpy Guy character to open the Character Settings panel, where you can select new characters, download additional free characters, and purchase characters as an In-App Purchase. illumineX is available to help your enterprise or government organization rethink, redesign, and refactor your enterprise mobile apps. For more information, please contact Gary Longsine.

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