

Appendix I

Installing "Our Dynamic Planet"

Installation

The CD will work on both Macintosh and Windows PC's. It runs on windows 98/NT/XP/2000 and Macintosh OSX in "Classic" mode (see below). Currently, it will not run on Intel Macintosh computers. An upgrade is being worked on.

Note: This description applies to version 1.93 and later of the CD. Watch the web site (<http://earthednet.org/> for updates, new version information, and teaching materials.

The CD has an installer program called "Installer" or "Installer.exe" on the PC version. You can easily install the software by launching the "Installer" and following its directions. It copies several files to a folder on your hard drive named "Our Dynamic Planet". A configuration file is saved in the "Preferences" folder inside your system folder (Mac) or in a folder named "ODP-Temp" on your C drive (PC). Once the software has been installed, launch the "Our Dynamic Planet" application from the "Our Dynamic Planet" folder on your hard drive. The CD must be mounted when running the program, unless you have copied all of the files from the CD to a hard drive disk resident directory. See the README file on the CD to see how the setup is done.

If you decide to copy all of the CD files to a disk directory (about 600Mb of them), you will find that the PC complains about certain files that can't be copied. You need to use the Installer to copy the CD to your hard drive. It knows which files are specific to the Macintosh version and ignores them.

Macintosh users: This runs in "Classic" mode in OSX. If you don't have "Classic" link to http://earthednet.org/EED_Online/downloads/Index.htm, download the "Classic" folder and copy it to your hard drive. The Intel version of the Macintosh is not yet supported, but work on it is in progress.

To best view the CDROM, you will need to:

1. Set your screen resolution
2. Set your screen color depth
3. PC users need Quicktime, which is on the CD. The installer will prompt you and help you install it.

Quick Install:

With the CDROM inserted into your CD drive, display the contents of the CDROM: (*Macintosh: double click on the CDROM icon on the desktop*) (*PC: double click on the "My Computer" icon on your desktop. A window will open. Find the icon for the CDROM. It will have the name "Our Dynamic Planet" underneath it.*) Double click on the icon "Installer." Be careful: it may take 10-15 seconds to launch, so be patient and wait for it to begin. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Configuration Options:

All student information is stored in the "Mailboxes" folder inside the "Our Dynamic Planet-Temp" folder on your hard drive. You select the location of this folder when you install the program. The login process allows each student to maintain a different mailbox, so that multiple students can share a single computer without mixing up their work.



Go to the "Our Dynamic Planet" support site at:

<http://earthednet.org/support/Index.html>

Bug fixes and configuration issues are posted there.