



# *quitDOCK*

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## What is quitDOCK

quitDOCK is a very simple little widget that allows you to restart the Dashboard from within the dashboard.

It does this by quitting the Dock, which automatically restarts and takes the Dashboard with it.

## Why

So why do that, really it's a development tool designed for me – but I thought I should share it!! Maybe you'll find a use!

It also works as a way to completely quit the dashboard if you're concerned about memory usage. Quit the dock, and providing you don't reactivate the dashboard (e.g. F12) the dashboard will not be running.

Developers – some changes to your Info.plist file don't seem to take until you restart the Dock, so use this! Other times it's just nice to make sure it actually is your code causing the problem and not the Dashboard!!

## How it works


When you drop the quitDOCK widget onto the dashboard you will see the main window icon, as shown here:



To quit the dock, and restart the dashboard, simply click anywhere on the widget.

## Preventing accidental quits

To prevent the dashboard from quitting straight away, you can request an "Are you sure" message to confirm the quit.

To do this, flip the widget using the [  ] button on the widget and tick the Confirm checkbox on the back.



With this box checked, you will be asked to confirm the quit via a dialog in the Finder, you will also see an ellipsis in the top right corner of the widget, as shown here.

*Note: ticking the confirm checkbox returns the widget to the functionality of version 1.0*

***That's it – very simple very easy!!***

## **Version History**

- 1.1a Fixed bug to provide Mac OS X 10.4.7 compatibility
- 1.1 Added the "Are you sure" confirmation as an option  
Improved backside design
- 1.0 First Release

## **Making Contact**

If you have any questions, suggestions or have spotted a bug, please feel free to email me at:

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All of your suggestions are very welcome.

Feel free to email me even just to say your using quitDOCK

Enjoy!

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