

8 July 2008

**Hazel**

Noodlesoft

By: Filip Truta, Apple News Editor

[Hazel 2.2 Adds Advanced Workflow Features](#)

Your personal housekeeper for Mac

Hazel, the Mac OS X utility that organizes and performs clean-up chores on your Mac, has just been updated to version 2.2. The new release focuses on several features that have been added for advanced workflows, while pattern matching elements have also been introduced. Hazel organizes and cleans folders (even the trash) based on user-defined rules. Using a familiar rule interface, Hazel will filter on the file's name, type, date, the site or email address it came from and more, set color labels. It does Spotlight keywords and comments, as well as archive files. When it comes to cleaning out incomplete and duplicate downloads, Hazel is, again, just the tool for the job. And, as far as managing trash goes, Hazel can simply be set to empty it for you. The software works in the background. Aside the above-mentioned additions, version 2.2 includes a host of new abilities and tweaks. Some of them are listed below:- Ability to create patterns for matching. Use the "matches/does not match" operator.- Ability to create custom tokens. Define them in your match patterns and then use them in your rename/sort/Growl actions.- You can now select multiple rules in the rule list. - AppleScripts and shellscripts can now be embedded into the rules. No external files needed. Scripts can be edited right in Hazel.- Added "is in the next" operator for dates. Useful for dates in the future (like due dates).- Added "Subfolder Depth" attribute, which is how many levels deep from the top folder (the top folder being at depth 0). Hazel 2.2 requires Mac OS X 10.4 or later, Safari, Camino or Firefox (version 1.5 or higher) and Spotlight (enabled). A 14-day trial version of Hazel is available [HERE \(1.9 MB\)](#). The application is a Universal Binary - good for PowerPC Macs, as well as Intel-based machines.