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ABOUT RITA

System Requirements

- **CPU:** Pentium 4, 1.8 GHz or faster
- **Hard drive:** at least 3 MB free
- **Operating System:** Windows XP/2000/2003/Vista
- **Network Connection:** 1 mb or greater connection between the PC and RiTA

About this Manual

This manual describes Redstone integrated Test Appliance (RiTA) set-up, and the Eggplant workspace on your PC.

Help and Additional Information

The following manuals are available through the Eggplant Help menu and the downloads page of the Redstone website.

Eggplant: Getting Started provides instructions for setting up Eggplant and establishing VNC connections.

The Eggplant: Reference Manual describes the Eggplant interface and scripting processes, and the SenseTalk commands, functions, and global properties that are unique to Eggplant.

Using Eggplant is a collection of articles that cover a wide range of Eggplant topics.

Eggplant Tutorials is a series of five tutorials that introduce the scripting environment and often-used commands and functions.

The SenseTalk Reference Manual from Thoughtful Software is a comprehensive guide to the SenseTalk scripting language used in Eggplant.

For Eggplant updates, news, discussion forums, and all available support resources, please visit [Redstone support](#).

EGGPLANT CONNECTOR

Eggplant Connector is the Windows application that brings Eggplant from RiTA to your PC desktop.

Installing Eggplant Connector: Step-by-Step

- 1 Establish a network connection between your PC and RiTA.
- 2 From your PC, connect to RiTA through Windows File Sharing (path: `\\Workgroup\RiTA`)
- 3 When you are connected to RiTA, log in to your Eggplant user account.
- 4 In the *Eggplant* directory (the home directory of the Eggplant user account), launch the Eggplant Connector installer.

Connecting to RiTA: Step-by-Step

- 1 Launch Eggplant Connector.
- 2 In the Eggplant Connector window, select RiTA from the available computers.
- 3 Click the Connect button.

When you connect to RiTA, Eggplant is launched automatically.

THE RITA ENVIRONMENT

This section describes the way RiTA's Mac OS X environment fits into your Windows XP or Windows Vista desktop.

Keyboard Control

In Eggplant (and other applications on RiTA) keyboard shortcuts use the Mac OS X modifier keys, shown below.

RiTA (Mac OS X) modifier keys	Windows key equivalents
Shift (⇧)	Windows <i>Shift</i> .
Control (^)	Windows <i>Control</i> (Ctrl)
Command (⌘)	Windows logo key
Option (⌥)	Windows <i>Alt</i> key

Using Keyboard Shortcuts

As a general rule, you can use Mac OS X keyboard shortcuts in your RiTA workspace, and your regular Windows keyboard shortcuts elsewhere on your PC.

Mac OS X shortcuts do not affect Windows applications, and vice versa. For example, the Mac OS X "minimize all" shortcut (F11) only minimizes windows within the RiTA workspace. The Windows "minimize all" shortcut (logo-m) only minimizes windows outside of the RiTA workspace.

Workspace Options (Display)

In Eggplant Connector, Workspace Options affect the way Eggplant is displayed on your PC.

Default and Custom Options

To use custom workspace options with the current computer, select the “Use custom workspace options” checkbox.

To use the default workspace options, deselect the “Use custom workspace options” checkbox.

Details

In the Eggplant Connector window, click the Details button to view or edit the following settings:

- **Preferred local monitor.** If you are using multiple monitors, choose the monitor that displays your Eggplant workspace.
- **Resolution.** The screen resolution at which the Eggplant workspace is displayed. (Recommended: *Adjust remote screen to match local resolution.*)

Note: Matching Screen Resolution

Keep in mind that the Eggplant workspace is running *on top of* your Windows desktop. (You see the Eggplant resolution “interpreted by” the Windows resolution.)

For the most accurate display, run the Eggplant workspace at the same resolution as your PC.

Under *Resolution*, select *Adjust remote screen to match local resolution*.

- **Maximize workspace.** Scales the Eggplant workspace to fit your monitor. (Recommended setting: *yes*)
- **Constrain proportions.** Maintains RiTA’s horizontal-vertical ratio when scaling the Eggplant workspace. (Recommended setting: *yes*)
- **Track windows.** Attempts to draw windows that would appear outside the RiTA desktop. (Recommended setting: *yes*)
- **Gray windows outside.** Dims parts of the Eggplant workspace that are not visible on the RiTA desktop. (Recommended setting: *yes*)
- **Optimize graphics transfer.** Compresses screen images transferred from RiTA. (Recommended setting: *yes, unless you notice distortion*)
- **Reserve space for Apple menu.** Includes the RiTA menu bar (the Eggplant menus) in the Eggplant workspace. (Recommended setting: *yes*)
- **Keep Apple menu always on top.** Does not allow windows to cover the RiTA menu bar. (Recommended setting: *yes*)

- **Keep Dock always on top.** Does not allow windows to cover the Mac OS X dock. (Recommended setting: *no*)
- **Remote Desktop mode.** Displays the RiTA desktop in place of your PC desktop. (Recommended setting: *no*)

File Management

For best performance, store your Eggplant files on the RiTA machine. (The default directory is `/Users/Eggplant account name/Documents`.)

Shared Resources

To share Eggplant resources, save them in `/Users/Shared`. This directory is available to all user accounts on the RiTA machine.

Windows File Sharing

Outside of Eggplant, you can access your Eggplant resources through the standard Windows channels, such as Windows Explorer and Search Companion.

(Default path: `\\RiTA\Eggplant account\Documents`).

Printing on Your PC

To print an Eggplant script or image on your PC printer, open the file with any Windows application (such as WordPad or Paint) and print as you would normally.