

Which Technologies Does Mac HelpMate Use?

Question: Mac HelpMate sure does a lot of cool things! How did the developer manage to package them into one nifty utility?

Answer: Mac HelpMate is a collection of command-line utilities and open-source tools with an easy-to-use interface made with Apple's Xcode Developer IDE. More specifically, Mac HelpMate uses AppleScript Studio to safely execute commands in a "silent" shell, as well as C, Objective C, Python, and other technologies.

Question: Which open-source tools does Mac HelpMate use?

Answer(s):

- TightVNC
- Chicken of the VNC

- Smartmontools
- nbsmtp
- OSXVnc
- Proxytunnel
- MySQL
- PHP
- Open Directory
- OpenSSL

Question: Because Mac HelpMate includes Open-Source command-line tools, doesn't that mean it's also covered under Open-Source licenses like the GPL?

Answer: First, Mac HelpMate is not "sold" and it is free for anyone to use. Mac HelpMate Professional Subscribers who use our zero-config screen sharing pay for a service, not a piece of software. Second, Mac Helpmate is defined as a "Mere Aggregation" in the GPL which means it doesn't combine the code or executable address spaces of the tools into a larger program but merely uses each one as a separate command-line tool.