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TOPIC -----

Is System 7 a multitasking operating system?

DISCUSSION -----

Yes. Multitasking (previously known as MultiFinder) has been integrated into the system, so that System 7 is a multitasking operating system. With multitasking, people can work with several programs at the same time and even do some operations concurrently, like working while printing or copying files or recalculating a spreadsheet. With several programs running and available, people get more effective use from the computer.

In System 7, background printing and background copying of files are standard features. Consult your software developer for details on other multitasking capabilities.

At a more technical level, multitasking is the ability to do a number of tasks concurrently. System 7 uses a cooperative multitasking implementation to run several applications concurrently while doing tasks in the background.

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