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TOPIC ---

This article describes the default preference settings of System 7.0 through
System 7.1.2.

You can customize your Macintosh in a variety of ways to suit your own personal
style. For example, you can change ways in which information is displayed, the
sounds your system makes, and how it handles file management. Your Macintosh
uses a variety of Preferences files to maintain your custom settings.

There are several preference settings under System 7. System-wide preferences,
such as mouse-tracking speed, are set via Control Panels, but are stored in
Parameter RAM (PRAM). Preferences specific to the Finder are also set via
Control Panels, but are stored in a file called Finder Preferences located in
the Preferences folder, in the System Folder.

Here is some information on where each preference is stored, along with
instructions for resetting both system-wide and Finder preferences.

DISCUSSION --

System Preferences
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This table lists system-wide preferences that may affect all applications:

NOTE: Items marked with an asterisk (*) (the last items in the table) apply to
the PowerBook.

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     PREFERENCE                  LOCATION                    DEFAULT
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32-bit addressing	Memory Control Panel	24-bit addressing
Disk cache size	Memory Control Panel	6K
Brightness settings	Brightness Control Panel	Mid-range on the slider
Highlight color	Color Control Panel	Black
Cursor blink rate	General Control Panel	Middle setting
Menu blink count	General Control Panel	3 times
Date, time, and displayed format	General Control Panel and Alarm DA	None
Keyboard repeat rate and repeat delay	Keyboard Control Panel	For repeat: One away from Fast For delay: One away from Long
Monitor settings and location of extra monitors	Monitors Control Panel	Primary monitor only; set to Black & White
Mouse tracking and double-click speeds	Mouse Control Panel	For tracking: Very Slow For double-click: Middle setting
Beep sound	Sound Control Panel	Simple beep, though it is not highlighted
Startup disk choice	Startup Disk Control Panel	None set, uses standard volume search method
Cache settings (68040 Macintosh)	Cache Switch Control Panel	Faster (Caches Enabled)
Minutes before system sleep*	PowerBook Control Panel	8 Minutes
Minutes before hard disk sleep*	PowerBook Control Panel	4 Minutes
Macintosh PowerBook rest*	PowerBook Control Panel	Rest (While in the PowerBook Portable Control Panel, hold down the Option key and click Minutes Before System Sleep.)
Stay awake when plugged in*	PowerBook Control Panel	Unselected

Modem selection	PowerBook Setup Control Panel	Internal modem
Wake on ring	PowerBook Setup Control Panel	Unselected (See Portable Control Panel for internal modem.)

Except for Date and Time and the default application font all system-wide preferences may be reset by zapping PRAM.

- To zap PRAM under System 7, hold down the Command-Option-p-r keys during start up (Make sure the Caps Lock key is up!). The Macintosh restarts shortly after displaying the "Welcome to Macintosh" screen, which indicates that PRAM has been reset.

Finder Preferences
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PREFERENCE	LOCATION	DEFAULT
Font used for Finder view	Views Control Panel	Geneva 9
Icon alignment settings for Finder	Views Control Panel	Straight grid - "Always snap to grid" deselected
Icon list view settings for Finder	Views Control Panel	Smallest icon; display sizes, kinds, labels, and dates; deselect "Calculate Folder Sizes" and "Show Disk Info in Header"
Trash Can warning dialog	Setting in Get Info for the Trash Can	Warn before emptying

End_Table

With the exception of virtual memory, these parameters may be reset by deleting the Finder Preferences file, which is located in the Preferences folder inside the System Folder. System 7 does not allow this file to be modified so if it is on the start-up disk, you need to disable it instead. To do this, drag the Finder Preferences file out of the Preferences folder and restart the Macintosh. System 7 creates a new Finder Preferences with default values automatically. You may then delete the old Finder Preferences file.

NOTE: The Virtual Memory, File Sharing, and Window Color settings are stored with their respective Control Panel files and cannot be reset using these methods. Virtual Memory and File Sharing can be temporarily disabled, however, by pressing the Shift Key while starting the Macintosh. Hold the key down until "Extensions Of" appears in the "Welcome to Macintosh" screen.

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