Assistant Toolbox: Description (10/95)

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TOPIC --

What does the Assistant Toolbox extension that comes with most PowerBook
computers do?

DISCUSSION ---

The Assistant Toolbox extension adds several features and functionalities to a
PowerBook:

* Battery Management
The Assistant Toolbox adds to the base operating system's ability to better
manage battery life.

* Persistent RAM disk
The Assistant Toolbox gives the PowerBook the ability to save RAM disk data to
the hard disk when shutting down and read it back in when starting up. Normally,
a RAM disk is lost when the PowerBook computer is completely shut down.

* Sleep Fkey
Using the key sequence Command (Apple), Shift, 0 (the number), you can quickly
put the PowerBook to sleep.

* Later Laser
Later Laser allows deferred printing of documents when the PowerBook computer is
disconnected from a printer or network. When you reconnect, the documents print
when the printer is available. Later Laser is only active when a laser printer
is chosen.

* SCSI Sleep
SCSI Sleep mounts any previously connected hard drives as a PowerBook comes out
of sleep.

* Anti-Submarining Cursor
The Anti-Submarining Cursor feature corrects a software issue that caused the
"submarining" cursor effect on gray-scale passive-matrix displays. "Submarining"
is when the cursor disappears as it is moved quickly. This is an important
feature for all PowerBooks, except the 170 and 180.

* Always AppleTalk
The Always AppleTalk feature lets you activate AppleTalk without restarting the
computer.

All of these features are built in to the Assistant Toolbox extension and are
loaded automatically when the extension is loaded.

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