System 7: Extensions Folder

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What is the role of the Extensions folder?
DISCUSSION

The Extensions folder inside the System 7.x System Folder contains "system extensions" (previously known as "INITs"), and miscellaneous software additions to your Macintosh computer, such as printer drivers and network drivers.

The Extensions folder is the first place that the System looks when loading system extensions at startup.

System 7.x implements a new capability for automatic installation for system resources. When you drag a system extension (INIT), control panel, font, or a desk accessory onto the icon of the System folder, the system automatically determines where the resource should go and places it there. If you drag a system extension (INIT) onto the icon of the System Folder, it gets placed in the Extensions folder.

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