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System 7.5: Control Panels Folder Contents (1/97)

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TOPIC -----

After recently upgrading to System 7.5, I am curious as to the purpose of my Control Panels folder and its contents.

DISCUSSION -----

A Control Panel is a small piece of software which provides you with a method to configure your computer to match your needs.

The following is a brief description of the contents of a standard System 7.5 Control Panels folder, and on which computers each is installed. The contents of your Control Panels folder may vary.

Apple Menu Options

Lets you enable or disable hierarchical menus, and set the number of recent documents, applications, and servers.

ATM GX - All

Adobe Type Manager (ATM) is the Adobe font utility for Type 1 Postscript fonts that works in much the same way as TrueType. It gives you a good quality screen display with any font size. In addition, it improves the output of QuickDraw printers, such as the ImageWriter and Deskwriter.

Auto Power On/Off - See NOTE

Set your computer to turn on and/or off at a specified time on a daily basis or on a specified date. Only for systems with soft power on technology introduced with the Macintosh II.

NOTE: See the Tech Info Library article titled "System 7.5: Energy Saving Features" for full list of supported computers

AutoRemounter - PowerBook models except 100, 140, 145, 145B, 170

Lets a PowerBook sleep without a warning dialog box appearing about losing network services. It also remounts any file servers that were connected when the

system went to sleep.

Brightness - Classic and Classic II

Adjust Brightness of screen through control panel for computers with soft brightness control such as the Classic and Classic II.

Button Disabler - Performa and LC 500, 5200, 5300, and 5260

Disables the buttons on the front of the Macintosh or Performa 500, 5200, 5300, and 5260 series so users (usually students) cannot adjust the volume or brightness.

NOTE: The following computers are in the corresponding Macintosh families:

- Macintosh 5200CD family: Macintosh 5200/75 LC, Performa 5200, Performa 5210, Performa 5215, and Performa 5220.
- Macintosh 5300CD family: Macintosh 5300/100 LC, Performa 5300.

Cache Switch - Quadra, Centris and Performa 400/500 series

Control Panel installed only on 68040 based Macintosh computers which enables or disables the 040 processor caching. For compatibility reasons, it may need to be disabled in some applications.

Color - All

Set the color of text that is highlighted and the border color of windows.

CloseView - All Macintosh computers EXCEPT Power Macintosh

Magnifies the display for easier viewing.

ColorSync System Profile - All

Part of the ColorSync system that provides consistent color attributes through various input and output methods.

Date & Time - All

Configure and set the date and time of your system.

Desktop Patterns - All

Change the pattern or color of the desktop background.

Easy Access - All

When turned on, an audible whistle is heard and an icon appears in the upper right corner besides the Application Menu icon. Turning it off prompts a whistle again.

It provides ability to press combination keys one at a time (Sticky Keys); the ability to move pointer using numeric Keypad (Mouse Keys); and set Typing Speed for Macintosh with audible response (Slow Keys).

Extensions Manager - All

Specify which extensions load at system startup.

File Sharing Monitor - All

See who is connected to your computer while File Sharing is active.

General Controls - All

Set a number of overall system parameters, including Desktop hiding, Launcher visibility at startup, Folder protection so that files in the system and/or applications folder cannot be thrown away, the rate that the insertion point blinks, how many times a menu selection blinks when selected, and which default folder appears in the Save dialog box.

Keyboard - All

Set the repeat rate and delay before repeat for your keyboard.

Labels - All

Customize the color and text that makes up the Label of a document when viewed at the Finder level.

Launcher - All

By placing an alias to your favorite applications, files, or folders in the Launcher Items in the system folder, you can use the Launcher to open them without having to navigate through your hard drive.

MacTCP - All

Lets Macintosh computers connect to services via TCP/IP services. Replaces part of the AppleTalk protocol stack.

Macintosh Easy Open - All

A system software extension that lets you open a document when you do not have the application that created it.

Map - All

Provides a reference to location and time for certain cities.

Memory - All

Lets you to set the disk cache, memory manager setting, enable or disable Virtual Memory, and configure a RAM Disk.

Monitors - All

Set the number of colors or shades of gray that are displayed.

Mouse - All

Set the tracking speed and double click speed of your mouse.

Network - All

Select between any network options installed in your computer. Typical choices are LocalTalk, Ethernet, or Token Ring.

Numbers - All

Set the format of numerical data such as the placement of the decimal point and separators for monetary functions.

PC Exchange - All

Lets MS-DOS and ProDOS floppy disks, and SyQuest and Bernoulli disks be mounted on the Macintosh desktop. Applications that have the appropriate translators can be linked to DOS documents through the DOS suffix to automatically launch the application when the document is double-clicked.

Power Macintosh Card - Macintosh computers with Power Macintosh card installed

Macintosh computers with a 68040 processor direct slot can be upgraded to a PowerPC processor via an expansion card.

Gives the user the option of selecting which processor to use. This selection is made via the Power Macintosh Card control panel. It is a simple off or on selection. The system has to be restarted for the new selection to take effect.

PowerBook - All PowerBook models

Full control of HD sleep, system sleep, and display dimming - also setting for processor cycling, and on certain machines, reduced processor speed. Also controls the backlight and the built-in video.

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PowerBook Display - PowerBook 160, 165c, 180, 180c, and 200 series models

Controls the Video Mirroring function.

PowerBook Setup - PowerBook 200 and 500 series

Defines setting for SCSI Disk Mode. Also defines Normal and Compatible Mode.

In the Normal mode, the modem is addressed via the System 7 Communication Toolbox, and the external port is available for usage.

If your communication program is not compatible with the Communication Toolbox, set the PowerBook Setup control panel to Compatible. This mode prevents the external serial port from being addressed by other programs, as well as preventing communication with a serial printer.

Screen - Macintosh computers with built-in display

Controls the brightness and contrast of the built-in monitor on certain Macintosh models.

Serial Switch - Macintosh IIfx and Quadra 950.

Provides compatibility for some applications that use the printer or modem port. Serial port option is either Faster or More Compatible.

Sharing Setup - All

Configure File Sharing and enter the network identity of your Macintosh.

Sound - All

Select an alert sound and volume.

Speech Setup - 660 AV, 840 AV, Power Macintosh AV models

Enables Speech recognition, lets you select voice, character, responding method, and provides control of recognition and the ability to "name" the computer for recognition.

Startup Disk - All

Select which volume your computer starts up from.

Text - All

Select what text script and behavior (country) is used.

Trackpad - PowerBook 500 series

Provides support for the trackpad used in the PowerBook 500 series.

Users & Groups - All

Configure who can access your hard drive when File Sharing is enabled.

Views - All

Customize what information is displayed in Finder windows.

WindowShade - All

Hide a window by clicking on its title bar.

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