System 7.5: Startup Items Launch Order (11/95)

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TOPIC -----------------------------------------------------------

If I put several different items in the Startup Items folder of my System 7.5
Folder, how does the operating system determine the launch order?

DISCUSSION ------------------------------------------------------

This is how the System 7.5 Finder handles opening the items in the Startup Items
folder.

After the Finder finishes loading at startup it "selects" all the items and
executes an open items command. Next, the Finder groups everything into one of
five classes: applications, documents, stationery, folders, and aliases. Aliases
are resolved to their original item and then the resulting items are launched in
the following order:


1) Applications
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- Alphabetically


2) All documents with the same creator
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- Alphabetically.
- Documents created by an application that is also in the list are opened when
the application is launched, before other documents and before other
applications.
- The Finder checks for stationery unaware applications or applications that do
not automatically duplicate a file that has the Stationery pad option checked in
its information window. If the Finder finds any stationery unaware applications
and it is opening a stationery file for one of those applications, it duplicates
the file before it starts launching any applications. The Finder then opens
these duplicated files last, even though they may come alphabetically before
other files.


3) Remaining documents
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- Alphabetically.
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4) Everything else
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- Sounds, folders, control panels, and font suitcases are opened
alphabetically.



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