MultiFinder: How To Set The Launch Order Of Applications

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TOPIC --

I don't understand how MultiFinder determines the order for launching
applications. I open them in the order I prefer and use Set Startup.
However, they still open in random order.

DISCUSSION --

When using 6.0.x, the order in which you open applications before using Set
Startup doesn't determine launch order at startup. Study these three steps:

1) Open three applications in the order A-B-C.

2) Choose Set Startup and select Opened Applications and DAs.

3) Restart the system.

If you were to do this, MultiFinder may open the applications in B-C-A
order, or in any other sequence.

The order the applications launch is by most-recently-modified application
first, next-most-recently-modified application second, and so on. There's a
way to ensure that applications open in a particular order.

1) Open all applications you want launched at startup.

2) From the Apple Menu, choose the application you want to open last.

3) Make some kind of change within the application: type some text or
   draw some graphics.

4) From the Apple Menu, select the application you want to open next to
   last.

5) Make some kind of change within this application.

6) Repeat steps 3 through 5 for each application.

7) Choose Set Startup and select Opened Applications and DAs.

As an example, open MacWrite, MacPaint, and Excel. Excel works best when
launched first; MacWrite and MacPaint don't care. So, to make Excel launch
first, MacPaint second, and MacWrite third.

1) From the Apple menu, choose MacWrite; type some text and press Return a few
   times.

2) From the Apple Menu, choose MacPaint; draw a circle or a box.

3) From the Apple menu, choose Excel; type some numbers and press Return a few
   times.

4) From the Apple menu, choose the Finder.

5) Choose Set Startup and select Open Applications and DAs.

6) Restart your system. Excel should open first, MacPaint second, and
MacWrite third.
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