Launcher Closes With Close All Windows Command (9/95)

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TOPIC ---

When you perform the "close all" command (press the Option key and click the
Close box) all the windows on your desktop, including the Launcher, close. Is
there away to close all except Launcher.

DISCUSSION --

Since the Launcher is a window, it closes when you perform the "close all"
command.

Here are two ways of easily reopening the Launcher and an AppleScript solution:

Create an Alias on the Desktop

You can create an alias of the Launcher on the desktop, which would normally be
hidden under the Launcher window when it is open. Any time you close all of the
windows, you could then simply double-click the Launcher alias, now visible, and
open it again.

Create an Alias in the Apple Menu

You can create an alias to the Launcher and put it in the Apple Menu Items
folder in the System Folder. You then easily access it by pulling down the Apple
Menu.

AppleScript Solution

If you have System 7.5 and AppleScript, you can create a script to close all
windows except Launcher with the following statements:

```
tell application "Finder"
    close (every window whose name is not "Launcher")
end tell
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Place the saved Applet in the Apple Menu so you can invoke it readily. This
Applet does exactly what is desired without having to reopen the Launcher!

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