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System 6: Default System Preferences (6/95)

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TOPIC -----

You can customize your Macintosh in a variety of ways to suit your own personal style. For example, you can change ways in which information is displayed, the sounds your system makes, and how it handles file management.

DISCUSSION -----

In System 6, you use the Control Panel under the Apple Menu to adjust functions like mouse-tracking speed. These settings are stored in a chip on the logic board of your computer in a dedicated place called Parameter RAM (PRAM).

You can reset your computer's PRAM in System 6 by holding down the Shift-Option-Command(Apple) keys simultaneously while selecting Control Panels under the Apple Menu. The computer will present you with a dialog box informing you that you are about to reset the Parameter RAM. The Date and Time settings are actually read out of PRAM before it is zapped, then written back in afterwards. The next time you restart your computer the Control Panel will be set as follows:

PREFERENCE	LOCATION	DEFAULT
Disk cache size	General Control Panel	32K
Cursor blink rate	General Control Panel	Middle setting
Menu blink count	General Control Panel	1 times
Date, time, and displayed format	General Control Panel and Alarm DA	None
Keyboard repeat rate and repeat delay	Keyboard Control Panel	For repeat: One away from Fast For delay: One away from Long
Monitor settings and location of extra monitors	Monitors Control Panel	Primary monitor only; set to Black & White

Mouse tracking and double-click speeds	Mouse Control Panel	For tracking: Fast For double-click: Middle setting
Beep sound	Sound Control Panel	Simple beep, though it is not highlighted
Startup disk choice	Startup Disk Control Panel	None set, uses standard volume search method
Map	Map Control Panel	Empty
Volume	Sound Control Panel	5

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