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Extensions Off: Extensions Manager Compared To Shift Down (7/95)

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Does using the Extension Manger "All Off" set do the same thing as holding down
the Shift key at startup?

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DISCUSSION --------------------------------------------------------
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The Extensions Manager's All Off set and restarting while holding down the Shift
key do not have the same effect. Each method "switches off" or "disables" some
types of extensions that the other does not.

For example, the Extensions Manager switches off Chooser extensions while
holding the Shift key down during restart does not. The Extensions Manager does
not show or switch off most of the more esoteric extensions, such as System
Updates, whereas the Shift down restart usually does.

In general, the Shift down restart usually switches off more extensions than the
Extensions Manager. When you are trying to isolate an extension conflict and are
not sure if it is an Apple System extension or a third party extension, restart
while holding down the Shift key.

Few third party software items use extension types that the Extensions Manager
does not recognize and turn off in the All Off set. The rare exception may be a
monitor or other device driver. A Shift down restart usually does not disable
these extensions either. Starting up from another volume (hard drive or floppy
disk) or performing a clean install allows the bypassing of these types of
extensions.

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