

Cron is a program that launches other programs at preset times. This scheduling of program launches can be as simple as “run this program every hour” or “run this program at noon every day”, or as sophisticated as “run this program every third minute during the four o’clock hour on the first Monday of every month.” It is based closely on the cron dæmon in the BSD Unix operating system (there is no common code at any level, however), and has been in widespread use on the Macintosh since shortly after System 7.0 was released in 1991.

Cron is a conventional Macintosh application that runs in the background of your Mac. Since it is not a system extension, it does not expose your Mac to the plethora of compatibility problems commonly associated with extensions and their trap patches.

SHAREWARE

Cron is shareware, which means that if you use it, you should pay the \$10 registration fee. The fee can be paid by clicking on the “Register” button below, or by running the Register application that came with Cron (which, as it happens, is exactly what the “Register” button does for you). Many payment options are available, including on-line payment using your favorite credit card and electronic mail program. The Register application will give you all the details.