101 Things You Can Do with a Macintosh

But Cannot Do with a Typical PC Running Windows 95

1. Enjoy true Plug and Play with every device or card, not just certain ones at certain times.
2. Connect trackballs, graphics tablets, joysticks, and other input devices just by plugging them together in an ADB chain.
3. Never have to worry about "voodoo" files with mysterious names like NDDEAPI.DLL, ODBCINST.INI, CONFIG.SYS, or BOOTSECT.DAT.
4. Add a second monitor and double your desktop space.
5. Design web pages with the computer more professionals use to author content for the Internet according to Web Week (10/7/96).
6. Know that a 200MHz PowerPC 604e beats a 200MHz Pentium Pro in pure processing power according to Byte Magazine (8/96).
7. Schedule your Macintosh to turn itself on at a preset time, run an application (like an e-mail retrieval program) and then shut itself off.
8. Enjoy QuickTime multimedia technology built-in.
9. Let Apple Guide perform an action for you , rather than relying on cryptic help pages to try to explain how something is done.
10. Turn off all the system extensions used by a particular application by using the Extensions Manager, rather than wondering just what .DLL file belongs to what application.
11. Enjoy 100% pure Java, not a proprietary "Windows version".
12. Change the number of possible colors displayed on the screen without having to reboot the computer.
13. Know that you have purchased the most reliable computer on the market according to PC World magazine (12/96).
14. Enjoy perfectly matched color from the screen to the printed output with built-in ColorSync technology.
15. Enjoy "one click" access to the Internet with the Apple Internet Connection Kit (included with Mac OS 7.6).
16. Automate your work and applications with AppleScript built-in scripting.
17. Talk to your computer and have it perform your commands with PlainTalk speech recognition.
18. Use the fastest notebook computer available today: the 240MHz Powerbook 3400.
19. Get Technical Support help rated number one in the computer industry by InfoWorld Magazine (1/31/97).
20. Automatically mount floppy disks, CD-ROMs, Zip disks, and other media right on the desktop.
21. Never have to click "Refresh" in order to see the updated contents of a floppy disk.
22. Run both the Mac OS and Windows 95 at once with a PC Compatibility Card.
23. View virtual reality scenes with built-in QuickTime VR.
24. With WorldScript, easily create word processing documents with multiple, Roman and non-Roman languages in a single document.
25. Be assured that your computer will not fall victim to the "Year 2000 Problem".
26. Capture a screen shot, not only full screen, but also a user-selected portion.
27. Use QuickDraw GX to create documents with superior font manipulation technology.
28. Use the computer preferred by those who use both Macintosh and Windows 95 according to Evans Research Associates (5/96).
29. Manipulate 3-dimensional images easily with built-in QuickDraw 3D.
30. Easily run a web server with the Apple Internet Server Solution.
31. Add or change TCP/IP configurations and connections without rebooting.
32. Create documents with embedded URLs, sound, web browsers, and more with Cyberdog.
33. Drop a font, control panel, extension or Desk Accessory onto the System Folder and have them correctly put where they belong.
34. Boot from a CD-ROM to make troubleshooting easier.
35. Move an application on a network and still have its documents find and launch it.
36. Rest assured that while there are over 8,000 PC viruses, there are only 47 Mac viruses according to Symantec.
37. Work without worrying that the new progam you installed just wrote over an existing .DLL file, making other applications unusable.
38. Never have to worry that if your CMOS battery dies, that you will lose valuable configuration information like you would on a PC.
39. Use multiple processors for greater computing power.
40. Rename, delete, copy, move, or get the information about any control panel right from the control panel window.
41. Maintain the directory structure of files removed from the Trash and put them back in their original folders with one command.
42. Close all open windows with a single click.
43. Sort files by user-defined labels.
44. Use the Apple System Profiler to provide a special care code for use by Tech Support to easily troubleshoot a problem.
45. Put an alias of a network file on a floppy disk and then use that disk to access the file from any other Macintosh on the network.
46. Enjoy true, built-in, self-configuring, Plug and Play networking.

47. Never have to go out to a command-line interface to perform a function.
48. Communicate from any current Powerbook to another via infra-red networking.
49. Rest assured that as modem speeds increase, you can easily upgrade your Geoport modem to that speed.
50. Never worry about file pathnames that have a 260 character limit.
51. Print an Encapsulated Postscript file just by dragging it to a desktop laser printer.
52. Never have a document launch the wrong application due to file type association limitations.
53. Have the OS installer check for existing hard disk problems before it installs the OS, like Mac OS 7.6.
54. If your Apple Menu contains more items than can be viewed on the screen at once, scroll through it to reveal all items (unlike the Start menu on Windows 95.)
55. Use the Extensions Manager in Mac OS 7.6 to tell you what a driver, extension, or control panel does and also the application to which it belongs.
56. Know that you purchased the computer voted number one in brand loyalty by Computer Intelligence (6/96).
57. Add a file to a window and it will be automatically be sorted according to the current viewing option.
58. Store everything from sounds to text to 3D objects in the Scrapbook.
59. Know that any non-bootable floppy disk left in the computer will be automatically ejected on startup. No "Non-system disk" warnings.
60. Launch documents without having multiple copies of the same application open at the same time.
61. Add personal comments to any file in the "Get Info" box.
62. Search for locked files, version numbers, and file labels.
63. Drag a file to be printed from one print queue to another.
64. With a single click, automatically resize a window so that all file icons or names can be displayed.
65. Use built-in speech synthesis to read back not only documents, but also all system warning dialogs.
66. Find the URL for a file downloaded from the Internet just by selecting "Get Info" in the File menu.
67. Never have to edit the Registry or text-based configuration files.
68. Use the built-in video in and out connections (available on some models) to grab video frames, create QuickTime movies, and save edited movies back to videocassette.
69. Auto-eject floppy disks.
70. Use the component software technology of OpenDoc to create documents with advanced capabilities.
71. Get the best answers to your questions. HomePC Magazine (11/96) found that of the major computer manufacturers, Apple support was the most accurate in diagnosing a problem.
72. Never get confused about which mouse button does what and when.
73. Easily produce characters like "†", "©", "™", and √".
74. Use the built-in QuickTime 2.5 to play karaoke files.
75. When you select shutdown, your computer will actually turn itself off instead of having to manually flip a switch.
76. As new network devices come online or go offline, the Chooser will automatically add or delete them in real-time from the list of network devices available.
77. See exactly how much RAM each application is using at any time.
78. Create a RAM disk using the Memory control panel to speed up performance or save battery power.
79. Create a file listing all the extensions and control panels in your System Folder, including those that are disabled.
80. Determine the complete system information with just one application: Apple System Profiler.
81. Navigate the Worldwide Web using spoken commands, and even have web pages read back to you with PlainTalk.
82. Use the built-in MacLink translators to translate from one document type to another.
83. Determine the size of all your folders and their contents directly from any window.
84. Remotely manage an FTP server with Cyberdog, included with Mac OS 7.6.
85. Find all the third-party extensions, drivers, and control panels installed by non-Apple programs with either the Mac OS 7.6 Extensions Manager or Apple System Profiler.
86. Send any file back to its original location using "Put Away".
87. Print the contents of any window containing files and folders.
88. Put your computer to sleep and awaken it with a single key or mouse click.
89. Select any recently used server, application, or document directly from the Apple menu.
90. Use Stickies to post notes to yourself on the desktop.
91. Set the preferred folder for saving documents for each application with the General Controls control panel.
92. Locate a city and determine its time zone with the built-in Map.
93. Change icons simply by copying and pasting a new icon in the "Get Info" box.
94. See how far along a print job is just by looking at the desktop printer icon.
95. Use Control Strip and add modules to it to control everything from sound to networking right from the desktop.
96. View files by their version numbers.
97. Find out who is accessing your files over a network with the File Sharing Monitor.
98. Never worry about backward compatibility of long filenames, since Macintosh has always had long filenames.
99. Spend less time troubleshooting problems according to a study by Norris and Wong Associates (11/95).
100. Do "n-Up" laser printing with every application.
101. Continue to upgrade your OS for years and not have to buy a new computer.

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