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System 6 versus System 7 Desktop Manager
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If the Desktop Manager (the version that comes with AppleShare) is installed under System 6.0.x, is it backward-compatible that of System 7.0?

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The Desktop Manager in System 7 is completely backward-compatible with that of System 6.0.x. The System 7 version has been highly optimized, and is more robust than the original.

Determining if Macintosh Desktop Manager is present
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How does one determine if the Macintosh Desktop Manager is available? I know under System 7.0 it's always available, but how about under 6.0?

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The best method for determining whether the Desktop Manager is available or not is to use PBGetVolParms on your boot volume and check bit 12 of the vMAttrib field. See page 25-37 of *Inside Macintosh* Volume VI for additional information on PBGetVolParams.