HOW TO MAKE YOUR APPLICATIONS WORK IN THE BACKGROUND.

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So you want to background, but don't seem to have the software that will do the trick. Well the truth is that you do. If you are proficient with ResEdit, find the SIZE resources in your applications and change them so that the 'Save Screen', "Accept Suspend Events', 'Can Background' and Juggler Aware' options are set to '1' (ON). The 'Disable Option' and 'Only Background' should be set to '0' (OFF). This will allocate processor time to the background while the foreground is paused or not taxed heavily.

The busier the foreground is the less effective the backgrounding will be, as the foreground application will take control away from the background.

One application that works great in the background is Red Ryder, one is able to download and be working on your favorite application at the same time. Thunderscan is able to background (set the exposure to 'automatic') if the foreground is not heavily taxed.
I imagine, although I haven't tried this yet, that sorting of Databases, spreadsheet calculations should work great in the background. (Let me know if they do). Also setting PageMaker 2.0 to the previous settings will allow you to switch between applications in the Multifinder.

Sorry-No background printing with Word 3.01 or any other application that 'sticks' the system. It may be possible to download while printing- It is possible to perform a procedure in the background while printing in front with the Word. Experiment with your software!

As usual any changes to your applications with resedit should be made to copies only, never to your master disks. And if you value your data don't perform this operations on active files or to files that reside in hard disks. If possible use a newer version of ResEdit-currently 1.1B3

Disclaimer-Change your applications' resources at your own risk. I am not assuming any responsibilities for any tragic mishaps or crashes that may occur during the use of your altered software in the manner outlined above. In short, it is not my fault, even if it is! If this is contrary to the laws of your country, state or locality, or against the licensing rules of the software you wish to modify, then forget everything that I have mentioned-Do not do it!
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