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Introduction

System 7 Pack™ allows 4th DIMENSION® to take advantage of one of System 7's most powerful features: AppleEvents. In addition, you can open or print documents and launch or terminate any application. System 7 Pack™ also provides the ability to execute Frontier™ scripts from within 4th DIMENSION®.

Using AppleEvents, you can request any running application to open or print a document. Certain applications which support scripting (most notably Frontier™, HyperCard®, and SuperCard®) can also be requested to execute almost any command via AppleEvents. System 7 Pack™ will also allow you to install a 4D procedure to be executed in response to an AppleEvent. You can also send AppleEvents to compatible applications running on a remote networked Macintosh. AppleEvents will also allow certain applications such as Frontier™ to extract information from 4D or request 4D to execute a command.

Not all applications currently support AppleEvents. However, the Launch/Open Document and Quit functions will work for all applications whether or not they are AppleEvent aware.

System 7 Pack requires 4th DIMENSION® version 2.2 or later and any Macintosh® that is capable of running System 7. Earlier versions of 4D® will allow you to launch applications and send AppleEvents, but won't allow AppleEvents to be received. Version 3.5 of System 7 Pack is fully compatible with 4D® v3.0.3 or later, including 4D® Server. System 7 Pack v3.5 will not work with 4D® 3.0.1 or 3.0.2 - you must upgrade to 3.0.3 or later.

Installing System 7 Pack

The easiest way to install System 7 Pack™ is to simply drop the enclosed Proc.Ext file into your database project folder. You can also use 4D®'s External Mover™ application to copy the package into an existing Proc.Ext file. If you have 4D Mover™ from ACIUS, you can also use it to copy the single Package from the demo database to your own database. In either External

Mover™ or 4D Mover™, System 7 Pack™ will appear as a single Package, which actually consists of many individual commands. The individual commands cannot be moved separately.

You can also place the Proc.Ext file in your System folder or 4D®'s folder to make it accessible to all databases. If you do it this way, make sure you copy the Proc.Ext file if you wish to use your database on a different system.

You may also wish to place the S7P Help desk accessory in your Apple Menu Items folder so you can access an online command reference.