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Set Startup 1.3 documentation - November 1994

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(don't forget to put your name and address on it, so I can add you to my registered users database).

• Instructions

◇ Set Startup is an alternative to Apple's standard **Startup Disk** control panel. Its main advantage is that you can change your startup disk even if the new one is **not currently mounted** on the desktop. The disk is chosen by **SCSI ID**, where SCSI 0 usually represents your Mac's internal hard disk.

◇ The **Highest SCSI** button makes the Mac boot from the **highest SCSI device** that contains valid system software.

◇ The **RAM disk** button makes the Mac boot from its **RAM disk** if there's a bootable system on it. This has not been tested on all Macs; if your Mac doesn't boot from its RAM Disk, please send me the "settings" numbers that you see in Set Startup after choosing the RAM Disk as the startup device in Apple's standard Startup Disk control panel.

◇ **PowerBook** hint: if you boot from the RAM disk and **unmount your hard disk** by dragging it to the trash, the disk will **never spin up** again and you'll save some battery life (everything you need should be inside the RAM disk, of course). You can then use Set Startup to reset the startup disk to SCSI 0, and you'll be back to the usual startup disk at next restart (this saves you one restart, because Apple's Startup Device control panel won't display your hard disk if it's not mounted).

• Version history

◇ **1.3** - Added support for new Macs and RAM Disks, and cool new online docs

◇ **1.2** - Recompiled with latest version of the compiler and updated documentation

◇ **1.1** - Fixed dialog and docs, first public release

◇ **1.0** - Never released, just a hack for myself

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