

Things to Do during Startup

Some of Conflict Catcher's most interesting features begin before the Macintosh is even fully powered up. For example, once you've installed Conflict Catcher, the names of the icons that appear during the startup process are shown on the screen.

Also for the first time in your Mac's life, the startup process is now an interactive event. For example, during the extension-loading process, you can do any of the following:

- Hold down the space bar. Pressing the space bar just after turning on, or restarting, the Mac makes the Conflict Catcher window appear.
- Press Caps Lock. If you remember to engage Caps Lock key early enough in the startup process — even before any icons have appeared — you force the main Conflict Catcher window to open automatically, without your having to continuously hold down the space bar. (This feature works only if you've turned it on in Conflict Catcher's Preferences window.)
- Click on an icon. Conflict Catcher halts the startup process and displays an information panel about the icon you clicked, including its name, memory use, installation date, and so on. As the onscreen message tells you, you can press the space bar to resume the startup process.
- Press `⌘-period` to cut short the extension-loading process and jump directly to the Finder desktop. Only the extensions whose icons have already appeared are loaded — all remaining extensions are ignored.

This can be a handy technique when, for example, you're in a hurry and just want to make sure that your CD-ROM extensions are loaded — you don't care about any other features. Wait until after you've seen the CD-ROM extension icon — and then press `⌘-period` to get started with your work session. (On the other hand, of course, doing so turns off other features whose icons hadn't yet had a chance to load.)

- Press `⌘-R`. This keystroke immediately restarts the Mac, abandoning the startup in progress.
- Press `⌘-S`. This keystroke immediately shuts down the Mac.
- Press Tab. If the Tab key is being pressed at the end of the icon loading process, Conflict Catcher pauses, freezing the display with all of your loaded icons on the screen in their glory. Only when you release the Tab key does the Mac take you to the desktop.

- Press `^C~P`. This keystroke makes the startup process pause, freezing in its tracks, until you press the same keystroke a second time.