

What is the System 7 Pack?

The System 7 Pack! is both a System 7 customizer and accelerator. The System 7 Pack! is an application—not an INIT—so it will not consume any memory or interfere with any other programs on your Mac. (Plus, you can put it anywhere on your hard drive that you want. No need to put it in the System Folder.) The basic philosophy behind the System 7 Pack! is simple—to do its job and get out of the way! So once you've installed changes with the System 7 Pack!, it doesn't have to hang around patching routines, using up valuable memory, or causing incompatibilities with other applications.

With the System 7 Pack!, you'll be able to do all of the following:

- Increase the speed of Finder file copies by 300%
- Change Command Keys in the System 7 Finder.
- Add your own links between Applications & Documents. (For example, double-clicking on a MacWrite document could automatically run MS Word.)
- Remove the annoying application substitution dialog box.
- Remove the annoying unmounting “I'll be back” dialog box.
- Change names of some menu items. (For example, Empty Trash to Flush Toilet)
- Add a Quit Menu so that you can quit the Finder.
- Remove ZoomRects to speed up the Finder.
- Get rid of the annoying rename delay.
- Change the default alias suffix.
- Change the Sleep and Hide Others/Show All Command keys.
- & Much More!

With the System 7 Pack! Extras Control Panel (included in this package), you'll be able to set instant hot keys for all of the following:

- Accelerated emptying of the trash
- Finder-safe ShutDown
- Finder-safe Restart
- Sleep
- Instant Volume Control
- Application Switching
- turn File Sharing on and off on demand
- a Macintosh version of the Windows Task Manager

The System 7 Pack! Extras Control Panel, like other Control Panels that include INIT code, does consume a minimal amount of memory, but is extremely reliable as it uses the jGNEFilter mechanism to do its work. It is independent from the System 7 Pack! application, so you do not need to use them together, although we'd certainly recommend it for maximum productivity from your Mac!

The System 7 Pack! has been reviewed in MacUser, MacWorld, and user groups all over the world.

David Pogue, writing in the December 1992 issue of MacUser, wrote:

“If one of your buddies is continually complaining about how System 7 makes the Mac slower, gift-wrap this little shareware beauty from Insanely Great Software and toss it under the tree. Written by teenage New Jersey wunderkind Adam Stein (whose shareware act is so together that he has an 800 number and takes credit cards), System 7 Pack clobbers a bunch of System 7 annoyances: (1) it speeds up file-copying in the Finder by three times; (2) makes windows open faster, and (3) adds a Quit menu to the Finder, so you can reclaim that precious 300k of memory when you’re juggling programs.”

Andy Ihnatko, writing in the December 1992 issue of MacWorld, wrote:

“If the concept of resource hacking brings to your mind the image of the Three Stooges upholstering a sofa with a rifle, a funnel, and a box of tacks, then get a copy of Adam Stein’s megaspiffy shareware utility System 7 Pack. It’s a clean little program that can perform just about every known System 7 Finder hack. In Figure 1, you can see the Pack ready to add a Quit menu to the Finder as well as have all text and PICT files opened automatically by ConText II and Canvas, respectively (instead of TeachText); speed up Finder file copying by allowing it to grab extra memory when it needs it; and best of all, make the Finder append nothing to the end of the filename when you create an alias of a file. It’s a floor wax! It’s a dessert topping! It does it all. This one program single-handedly eliminates every pesky thing about System 7 that made me want to switch back to System 4.2 in a fit of blind rage. It’s one of very few shareware programs so immensely useful that I paid the shareware fee on the same day I downloaded it.”

Bob LeVitus, author of Dr. Macintosh, Second Edition, and MacUser contributing editor, says: “If you use System 7, you’ll love the System 7 Pack! 3.0.”

MacUser awarded the System 7 Pack! 4 Mice in its February 1993 review of System 7 utilities—the highest rating of all the packages reviewed—including commercial packages costing more than 3 times as much!

And that’s all before we included the new System 7 Pack! Extras Control Panel and System 7 Companion Pack! FREE with your order! (We’re particularly proud that our price hasn’t increased once cent since the original System 7 Pack! came out years ago, and we haven’t charged one cent for upgrades from our users for any version since the initial release.)