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TOPIC -----

What is the maximum number of windows that I can open at once under the Finder and MultiFinder? Can I increase this?

DISCUSSION -----

Finder 6.x allows a maximum of 13 windows open at once. You can use ResEdit to change this value. Here are the steps:

- 1) Work only on a COPY of your Finder.
- 2) Start ResEdit.
- 3) Open the Finder file from ResEdit.
- 4) Open the LAYO resource named ID=128. (It's probably the only one of that type.)
- 5) Scroll until you find the layout default called "Max # of windows". It's at the bottom of the list.
- 6) Change this to the desired value.
- 7) Quit ResEdit and answer Yes to "Save 'Finder' before closing?"

Changing this value to a higher number causes the Finder to use more memory. You may have to allocate more memory for the Finder, if you are running MultiFinder.

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