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## Assistant Toolbox: Description (10/95)

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TOPIC -----

What does the Assistant Toolbox extension that comes with most PowerBook computers do?

DISCUSSION -----

The Assistant Toolbox extension adds several features and functionalities to a PowerBook:

\* Battery Management

The Assistant Toolbox adds to the base operating system's ability to better manage battery life.

\* Persistent RAM disk

The Assistant Toolbox gives the PowerBook the ability to save RAM disk data to the hard disk when shutting down and read it back in when starting up. Normally, a RAM disk is lost when the PowerBook computer is completely shut down.

\* Sleep Fkey

Using the key sequence Command (Apple), Shift, 0 (the number), you can quickly put the PowerBook to sleep.

\* Later Laser

Later Laser allows deferred printing of documents when the PowerBook computer is disconnected from a printer or network. When you reconnect, the documents print when the printer is available. Later Laser is only active when a laser printer is chosen.

\* SCSI Sleep

SCSI Sleep mounts any previously connected hard drives as a PowerBook comes out of sleep.

## \* Anti-Submarining Cursor

The Anti-Submarining Cursor feature corrects a software issue that caused the "submarining" cursor effect on gray-scale passive-matrix displays. "Submarining" is when the cursor disappears as it is moved quickly. This is an important feature for all PowerBooks, except the 170 and 180.

## \* Always AppleTalk

The Always AppleTalk feature lets you activate AppleTalk without restarting the computer.

All of these features are built in to the Assistant Toolbox extension and are loaded automatically when the extension is loaded.

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