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TOPIC -----

What is disabled when the shift key is held down during startup?

DISCUSSION -----

Here is a list of items that get turned off by holding down the shift key during startup:

- MacsBug - however, MacsBug will load if the option key is also held down along with the shift key in System 7.5 and later.
- All extensions in the Extension folder, Control Panels folder, and System Folder.
- A/Rose - even though it is an init and would be turned off anyway, it is explicitly not loaded.
- Any software component of type 'thng' will not be registered.
- All scripts (for non-roman character input).
- Virtual Memory.
- Resources of type AINI which are AppleTalk drivers, this is where Open Transport gets turned off.

Other effects:

- The disk cache is set to 96K in System 7.5 and 64K in System 7.0 or System 7.1.
- The Finder will not launch files in the Startup Items folder, or execute the items in the Shutdown Items folder at Shut Down.

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