Compatibility

You can determine what features are available on a Macintosh computer using the **Gestalt** function. The **Gestalt** function provides information about various attributes, versions, and features of particular software and hardware available on the currently running system.

The **Compatibility Guidelines** discusses guidelines you should follow to ensure that your application is compatible with previous versions of Macintosh system software as well as with new releases of Macintosh system software.

These guidelines can help you develop your application so that it is compatible across the Macintosh family of computers. The guidelines also provide information on how to make your application compatible with A/UX and how to design your application so that it can be easily localized for use in other regions.