Terminology

Use regular language in your applications as well as your documentation. Do not use technical jargon or computer science terminology. The majority of users are not programmers. It's especially important not to use programming terms in menus, dialog boxes, or user books.

In particular, do not use file type names to refer to Finder documents that users see. Call documents by the terms that appear in the Kind column in Finder windows. Use the terms in the Table below in place of the four-letter type names.

Table Translation chart for user documentation

Previously used term	Suggested terminology	Examples
cdev	control panel	Mouse control panel
RDEV	**Chooser** extension	LaserWriter **Chooser** extension, AppleShare **Chooser** extension
INIT	system extension (*not* startup document)	File Sharing Extension
adev	network extension	EtherTalk network extension
ddev	database extension	Data Access Language (DAL)database extension
DA	desk accessory	Calculator desk accessory
FKEY	function key	-Shift-3 screen-dump utility
standard file dialog box	directory dialog box	**SFGetFile** dialog box
MultiFinder icon	active-application icon	TeachText application icon

In system 7.0 a cooperative multitasking operating environment is always available to users. Therefore it's no longer appropriate to use the term *MultiFinder* to distinguish this environment from the Finder environment. When you update or revise written material that relates to system 7.0 , replace the term *MultiFinder* with the term *Finder*.