

1 Mac Bootoptions

As you can see: there are critical options available, so if you own a laptop or your Mac is public be sure to protect your EFI via (Open-)Firmware-Password.

shft allows you to start up your Mac without extensions.

C allows you to force your Mac to boot from an internal CD-ROM drive.

cmd+opt tells the Mac to rebuild the hidden Desktop file. This should be done periodically for good preventative maintenance.

cmd+opt+shft+delete tells the Mac to skip the first device in the SCSI chain. This comes in handy when you want to force your Mac to boot from an external drive.

cmd+opt+P+R clears the parameter RAM. One of those things to do when things aren't right and you can't think of anything else to try. This clears things like date and time, location, etc.

Spacebar opens the Extensions Manager when starting up.

Mouse Button will force eject a floppy or CD/DVD while booting up.

cmd-V verbose booting as in the Public Beta.

cmd-S single user mode, command line interface as root, no password by default!

cmd-X force a UMA Macintoshes to boot into Mac OS X (it doesn't matter what OS is selected!)

A copy of all the login text is always available in the text file: `/var/log/system.log`