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Apple IIGS System Software Version 5.0.4: Specifications

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TOPIC -----

This article describes Apple IIGS System Software Version 5.0.4.

DISCUSSION -----

Overview

Apple IIGS System Software Version 5.0.4 gives you all the advantages of the latest system software for the Apple IIGS personal computer. It features GS/OS, an operating system that improves the startup time and speeds up disk access, program launching, and file copy and transfer tasks.

GS/OS includes File System Translators (FTSs), which enable applications to directly access files created using other file systems. For example, the ISO/High Sierra FST allows you to run CD-ROM applications that follow the ISO/High Sierra standard, and the AppleShare FST gives you access to files on AppleShare file servers.

Apple IIGS System Software Version 5.0.4 also offers several features that significantly improve the computer's functionality and ease of use.

The Finder (a graphics-based interface that allows you to manipulate files on the desktop) is now easier to use, faster, and more informative than earlier versions. It has also been revised to allow access to the AppleTalk Network System, so you can share programs and data located on an AppleShare file server, as well as networked printers, with other AppleShare users.

Another important feature is the new graphics-based Control Panel, which you access from the Finder via the Apple menu. You can use the Control Panel to set the time and date; raise or lower the sound volume; log on to network servers; configure slot assignments; and change the colors of screen borders, background, and text.

Version 5.0.4 includes the Advanced Disk Utility, which features an easy-to-use graphics-based interface and allows you to initialize, erase,

and partition hard disks, as well as both 5.25- and 3.5-inch floppy disks. You also get the Installer utility, which lets you update your startup disks and customize their configuration for your system and its attached peripherals.

System Requirements

To use Apple IIGS System Software Version 5.0.4, you need an Apple IIGS computer with:

- at least 1MB of RAM
- ROM Version 01,03
- at least one 800K 3.5-inch disk drive

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