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MAE: hqx Formatted Files or Applications (6/94)

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TOPIC -----

We are evaluating MAE in an environment consisting of an HP 9000 with no floppy drives and Macintosh computers. We are transferring files and Macintosh applications from ftp servers in .bin.hqx format. These files may also be compressed as .sit.

How do we de-hqx and be-binhex these files and applications so they can be recognized and run from within MAE? Please recommend specific procedures and utilities to be used.

DISCUSSION -----

Here is a way to transfer Macintosh files and applications, in *.bin.hqx format, from ftp servers to HP or Sun workstations to run in MAE, when no floppy drives and/or Macintosh computers are present. Follow these steps:

- 1) Get a copy of "Stuffit Expander", a Macintosh decompression and decoding program, from the ftp.support.apple.com server (under /pub/mae/utilities) to your HP or Sun workstation. The Stuffit Expander on the ftp server is in tar format. After downloading (use 'binary' transfer form) to your workstation, do the UNIX command:

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tar xvf stuffit_exp.tar
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The "Stuffit Expander 3.0.7" Macintosh application will be created in your working directory.

- 2) Under ftp, use the 'binary' form to transfer the Macintosh applications and files to your UNIX workstation. (From your question, you probably have already done this.)
- 3) From within MAE, go to the folder which contains your *.bin.hqx formatted files, and drag the *.bin.hqx file on top of the "Stuffit Expander 3.0.7" icon which will launch the Stuffit Expander. The desired Macintosh application or file will be automatically decompressed and decoded. "Stuffit Expander" supports different formats including Stuffit, Compat Pro, AppleLink, and BinHex. See the README file under /pub/mae/utilities in ftp.support.apple.com for more information.

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