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## MAE: Forcing AppleDouble File Format (5/95)

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TOPIC -----

I'm copying a TIFF file from a Macintosh CD-ROM into MAE and then trying to view it, but my viewer application will not work. What can I do?

DISCUSSION -----

This sounds to us like an AppleSingle, AppleDouble file format problem. MAE is converting the file from HFS format from the Macintosh CD-ROM to a format compatible with the UNIX file system. The Macintosh file system has a resource fork and data fork which the UNIX file system does not have or understand.

We think you are trying to view the TIFF file with a UNIX TIFF viewer, if you had an Macintosh-based TIFF viewer, the file would open properly because MAE stores most files and can read AppleSingle file format. Text documents and an exception, which are stored AppleDouble file format.

You can force MAE to save files in AppleDouble format by using one of the following:

- Launch MAE with the `-filedouble` option.

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mae -filedouble
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- You can force MAE to write in AppleDouble format by setting environment variable `TBFILEFORMAT` to 1.

NOTE: This feature is NOT supported.  
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