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MAE & Solaris 2.4 and Later: Mounting Mac CD-ROM Discs (1/97)

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TOPIC -----

When running Solaris 2.3, I was able to edit my `macdisk.solaris` preference file and mount my Macintosh formatted CD-ROM discs and floppies without difficulty. However, since upgrading to Solaris 2.4, I am not able to mount my Macintosh formatted CD-ROM discs and floppies, even though my `macdisk.solaris` file is set the same way. What is the problem?

DISCUSSION -----

To have CD-ROM discs mount in MAE while running Solaris 2.4 and later (this occurs with Solaris 2.5 also), follow these steps:

Step 1 - (For Solaris 2.4 Only)

Verify that Volume Manager patch 101907-05 has been loaded. Sun recommends this patch when using the Volume Manager. The following UNIX command lists all installed patches:

```
/etc/showrev -p
```

Step 2

Under Solaris 2.4 and later, modify the `macdisk.solaris` file in this manner (`scsi6` should be replaced with the correct SCSI ID# of the CD Drive):

```
scsi6:removable:ro:/vol/dev/aliases/cdrom0
```

NOTE: After inserting a CD-ROM disc, wait 10 seconds before attempting to mount it in MAE. The Volume Manager must first create an entry in `aliases` for `cdrom0` before MAE can read the alias directory.

NOTE: MAE will only mount MachFS CD-ROM discs. If it is a UNIX or ISO formatted CD-ROM, you will need to navigate to the `/cdrom` directory to see the CD-ROM.

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Step 3

Relaunch MAE and you will be able to access CD-ROM discs.

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