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At Ease 1.0: Shut Down Button is Finder from Oregon Trail Game

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TOPIC -----

I have a button in the Applications panel of At Ease that looks like a light switch. Whenever I click on the button, the computer shuts down. If I reinstall At Ease, the button may disappear. What is it?

DISCUSSION -----

The button is an alias for a rewritten Finder that can only shut down a Macintosh.

The game, Oregon Trail, comes with one disk meant to be a bootable disk for systems with no hard drive. Because of space limitations on the floppy disk, both the System and the Finder are severely altered. The only function left in the altered Finder is shutting down the Macintosh.

The Oregon Trail manual says to delete the System Folder after copying the bootable disk to the hard drive. Users sometimes ignore this step. Since the modified Finder's file type is Application, At Ease can add this Finder as a button in the Applications panel when told to "Gather Applications." Clicking the button launches the modified Finder, which shuts the system down.

If you have the light switch button, remove the duplicate System Folder. The System Folder will be on the Macintosh hard disk in a folder called, "Oregon Trail." The Finder may look like a normal Finder icon or a light switch icon. You can conclusively identify it by its version string: "1.0a1 NEC Shutdown Finder."

Sometimes, At Ease can't make a button for the altered Finder. If you reinstall At Ease or remove the altered Finder from At Ease, the button may not reappear after another Gather Application command.

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