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Macintosh PC Exchange 1.0.3: Using with Other Applications

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TOPIC -----

Macintosh PC Exchange lets you use PC-formatted floppy disks on your Macintosh. It lets you transfer files between a Macintosh and a PC-compatible computer by copying the files to and from a floppy disk. This article tells you what you need to install Macintosh PC Exchange 1.0.3, and to use it with other types of programs.

DISCUSSION -----

What You Need to Install Macintosh PC Exchange

To use Macintosh PC Exchange, you must have Macintosh system software version 7.0 or later. Macintosh PC Exchange doesn't work with system software version 6.

If you've already installed another PC disk mounting utility in your Macintosh, be sure to remove it before installing Macintosh PC Exchange. Then drag the PC Exchange icon into the Control Panels folder of your System Folder, and restart the Macintosh.

Notes on Using Macintosh PC Exchange

If you change the name of a PC-format disk to a name that's longer than 11 characters, the disk name will be truncated when you view it on a PC-compatible computer.

If Macintosh PC Exchange encounters a problem while formatting a disk, an Updating Disk... dialog may appear. This dialog includes a progress bar that shows the status of the updating process. To stop the disk from being updated, click the Cancel button. This cancels the initialization process, and the disk ejects from the disk drive.

In the PC Exchange control panel, you can't create an assignment with a blank DOS suffix.

Sometimes a Macintosh application program can't interpret the file format of a PC document. When this happens, the document's formatting displays

incorrectly, and you may see strange characters in the document. When this happens, try using another application, or translate the document into a different file format using one of the file format translation utilities available for the Macintosh (like MacLinkPlus Translators from DataViz).

Paint Programs

Some paint programs, like MacPaint and SuperPaint, save documents onto PC-format disks very slowly. To get around this, always save paint documents onto your computer's hard disk. If you like, you can then copy the document onto a PC-format floppy disk.

ClarisWorks Version 1.0v2 or Earlier

Some versions of ClarisWorks can't read or write files on PC-format disks. To open a PC document in ClarisWorks, you must first copy the document onto the hard disk. Always save ClarisWorks documents onto your hard disk. Contact Claris to obtain version 1.0v3 or later.

AutoDoubler

To use AutoDoubler with Macintosh PC Exchange, you must first open the AutoDoubler control panel and remove the X from the box labeled "Show DD on Compressed Files."

Directory Assistance II

You shouldn't use this program while the Macintosh PC Exchange control panel is open. You can turn off Directory Assistance II from the PC Exchange control panel by holding down the Option key while you click the Add or Change buttons in the control panel window. Using the PC Exchange control panel temporarily disables Directory Assistance, and closing the PC Exchange control panel automatically enables it.

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