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Performa: Finder and At Ease Compared (8/93)

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TOPIC -----

This article explains the difference between At Ease and the Finder.

DISCUSSION -----

The Finder is the basic program that all Macintosh computers use to generate "the desktop." When you are "in" the Finder, the desktop is what you see. Commonly, the Macintosh hard drive icon appears in the upper-right corner of the Finder screen. Any floppy disk you insert is represented by an icon that appears on the desktop, below the hard drive's icon.

At Ease is an application program that runs "on top of" the Finder to make the Performa easier to use. With At Ease on, applications appear in an application folder on the screen, and documents are represented as buttons in a Documents folder. There is no trash can, so nothing can be thrown away.

How Can I Tell whether I'm in At Ease or in the Finder?

Open the File menu.

- If you see Go To At Ease, you're in the Finder.
- If you see Go To the Finder, you're in At Ease.

In both the Finder and At Ease, a menu bar runs along the top of the screen, enabling you to perform certain tasks. The menu bar almost always displays an Apple menu and a File menu on the left.

The menu at the far right end of the menu bar is represented by:

- a small picture of a Macintosh, if you're in the Finder, or
- a little Macintosh next to a larger one in At Ease.

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