System 7: Making an Emergency Startup Disk (7/96)

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TOPIC ---

This article tells you what to do if Norton Utilities or another vendor's
emergency startup disk fails or isn't compatible with Macintosh models that
require a System Enabler. Follow these instructions to create a startup disk
(emergency boot disk) to use with any Macintosh model running versions of System
7.

DISCUSSION --

Usually there isn't enough room on a 1.44MB floppy disk for System, Finder, AND
an application. Here are instructions on how to make them fit on a floppy disk:

1) Run the system software Installer for the type of Macintosh you
   have. It doesn't matter if your Macintosh came with system software
   on floppy disk (Install Me First disk) or on a CD-ROM. If you install
   from a floppy disk, expect some disk swapping (the program ejects
   a disk and asks you to insert another disk).

2) Install a "Minimum" System (for your specific Macintosh) on a 1.44 MB
   floppy disk. You can find this in the Custom installation
   options. This gives you the smallest possible System file,
   which should be under 750K for system software version 7.1.

3) Move the System file and System Enabler (if your Macintosh needs
   one) out of the System Folder to the root level of the disk (the
   same level as the System Folder). Drag the rest of the System
   Folder to the Trash, AND choose Empty Trash from the Special menu.

4) Copy your application to the disk and change the application's name
   to Finder. You should have three items on the disk:

   • System
   • System Enabler (if needed)
   • Finder (which is really your application now)

   It is important that these items are at the root level of the disk
   and not within a System Folder, other folder, or on the desktop.

5) Restart your Macintosh with the startup disk you just created. Your
   Macintosh should start up in the application you placed on the
   floppy disk.

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