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System 7: Disk Space for Minimal and System-Specific Installs

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TOPIC -----

What is the difference in disk space required for a Minimal Install ("Minimal Install for...") and a System Specific Install ("System Software for...")?

DISCUSSION -----

We installed system software 7.0 on several Macintosh computers to answer this question. For the minimal installs, we chose Customize and then "Minimal Install for..." For the system specific installs, we chose Customize and then installed software configurations for the specific Macintosh.

System software requires about 1593K, averaging Minimal Installs and Full Installs together.

A minimal install placed the following items in the System Folder of a Macintosh SE/30:

Name	Type	Size
Apple Menu Items	(folder)	--
- Control Panels [alias]	(file)	2K
Control Panels	(folder)	--
Finder	(file)	356K
System	(file)	756K

There are no Extension or Preference folders. The system builds them at startup. The only font that you can see is the Geneva (Italic) 9 used for alias filenames.

Here is a table of differences in disk space needed for Minimal Installs

and System Specific Installs (SSI):

Computer	SSI	Minimal	Difference
Macintosh Plus	2496	975	1521
Macintosh SE	2499	974	1525
Macintosh Classic	2508	974	1534
Macintosh SE/30	2737	1116	1621
Macintosh LC	2670	1049	1621
Macintosh Portable	2541	971	1570
Macintosh II	2737	1116	1621
Macintosh IIX	2737	1116	1621
Macintosh IISi	2669	1049	1621
Macintosh IICx	2737	1116	1621
Macintosh IICi	2666	1045	1621
Macintosh IIIfx	2671	1050	1621

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