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System 7: Customized Installation

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TOPIC -----

How do I do a customized installation of System 7?

DISCUSSION -----

You may want to custom install:

- To limit the installation of certain features (for example, File Sharing)
- To minimize the amount of disk space the system occupies

The following instructions are for an installation from floppy disk. (Installation from CD-ROM is similar, except that you don't have to swap disks.)

- 1) Restart your Macintosh with the Install 1 disk in the floppy drive.
- 2) Open the Installer application on the Install 1 disk.
- 3) Click OK to proceed past the welcome box.
- 4) Verify that the disk named on the Installer screen is the drive on which you want the software to be installed. Click Switch Disk if you want to install on a different drive.
- 5) Click the Customize button.

The custom installation screen appears, showing the parts of the system software and a choice of standard or minimal system files for each model of Macintosh.

6) Scroll through the list of items and Shift-click the ones you want to install. As you select items, their names appear in the lower-left portion of the dialog box.

7) Click Install to install this software configuration onto the selected disk.

The Installer will decide which disks are required, and then prompt you to insert them as needed.

8) Click Quit when you see a message indicating that the installation was successful.

9) Click Restart in the dialog box that appears when you quit the Installer.

Note: When installing on an external hard drive that might be used on another system, it's best to choose the "For any Macintosh" option.
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