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Disk First Aid 7.1: Run Before Installing System Software

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TOPIC -----

I'm concerned about a letter that appeared in the 1/11/93 MacWeek about the possibility of losing files if I upgrade from 7.0 to 7.1 without first going through the Tune Up and Disk First Aid procedures. Is it indeed a problem?

DISCUSSION -----

This is an issue that has been twisted somewhat. All of this stems from the original disappearing files and folders problem found under System 7.0. This problem is prevented by System 7 TuneUp 1.1.1 and also System 7.1. However, if your Macintosh has already run into this problem, but you aren't yet aware of it, installing the Tune Up or System 7.1 won't remove the existing problem.

This means that you might lose data because your directory has become corrupted, not because you installed 7.1 (or Tune Up). Therefore, we recommend that every System 7.1 (or System 7.0) user run Disk First Aid 7.1 to ensure that their directory hasn't become corrupted. Once you've done this, then System 7.1 or Tune Up 1.1.1 will prevent that particular problem from happening again.

You don't need to install Tune Up before installing 7.1, but you do need to take the Disk First Aid step.

As a final note, if you've already installed 7.1, you can still run Disk First Aid 7.1 to verify that you don't have this problem. The reason for running Disk First Aid prior to an install of System 7.1 is to prevent installing more files on a previously corrupted directory.

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