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## System 7: Why Upgrade

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### TOPIC -----

Why should I upgrade to System 7?

### DISCUSSION -----

Apple recommends that all Macintosh users upgrade to System 7. Finder 7.0 offers powerful new capabilities and greater ease of use. Its features include:

- Fast access to your information. System 7 offers a fast file-find, so you can locate your files quickly and easily. You can also access your most frequently-used files, applications, and folders from the Apple Menu.
- More flexible ways to view files. For example, by selecting the Outline view, you can see several folders in one window simultaneously. Another facility called "aliases" helps you organize your hard disk the way you want.
- Virtual Memory with System 7. Without adding more RAM, you can have more memory to run more applications through virtual memory and 32-bit addressing. With virtual memory, the computer uses part of the hard disk to increase the amount of physical memory. For example, a 4MB Macintosh computer appears to have 8MB. With this additional memory, you can run more applications. 32-bit addressing makes it possible to access more than 8MB of memory in their system.
- Share files on your Macintosh with others. You can share your files with other people on the same network without dedicating a computer to act as a file server.
- The ability to access information regardless of where it's located.

- Multitasking. You can run several applications simultaneously for greater productivity. For example, you can work on a memo while printing a spreadsheet.
- Improved window handling.
- Improved text with TrueType fonts. You will see sharper-looking text on both your screen and your printer.
- A color interface for Macintoshes supporting color.
- A complete on-line Help system using System 7's new Balloon Help.

All of the things mentioned above work without you having to buy a new application. System 7 maintains and enhances your investment in your computer and your applications. In addition, software developers are working on many new and powerful applications that take full advantage of System 7 features.

See the "What's New in System 7" guide for more details.  
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