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System 7: Running the Compatibility Checker

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- To add information about flagging new software as incompatible and version 1.1.

TOPIC -----

How do I run the System 7 Compatibility Checker and how does it work?

DISCUSSION -----

The Compatibility Checker is a HyperCard stack that checks the programs on your system against a database of applications contained within the stack. It then reports the compatibility status as provided by developers. Note that if your software is brand new, the Compatibility Checker may flag it as incompatible simply because it doesn't recognize the new version number. Also, check that you have version 1.1 of Compatibility Checker, which adds much new software to the list and updates existing information.

Here's how to use it:

- 1) Open the Before You Install stack.
- 2) Click Compatibility Checker.
- 3) Click the Set Up button.
- 4) Select the disk(s) to check.
- 5) Click the Start Checking button.

The stack starts checking: first for viruses, then for applications, INITs, cdevs, rdevs, and DAs. Depending on the number of items, this may take a while. The stack displays progress on a bar chart.

- 6) Once the check is complete, you are given a choice of moving any

potentially incompatible items out of your System Folder. Click the Move Items button if you want the Compatibility Checker to move the items for you. Click the Don't Move Items button if you prefer to move them yourself.

- 7) The program provides a report, which lists all of the items checked and their compatibility status.
 - 8) Click the Print Report button to print the report, or the Save Report button to save the report to disk.
 - 9) Click the Quit button to exit the stack.
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