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System 7: Short File and Folder Names for MS-DOS Access

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TOPIC -----

The file and folder names in the Get Info dialog box are not the same as the name shown under the directories on the Finder desktop. When I click on the name in the Get Info dialog box, the name changes. Why?

DISCUSSION -----

The file or folder you're viewing is located on a file server or is being shared under System 7. To allow both MS-DOS computers and Macintosh computers to access file servers, all files and folders are named twice.

Since MS-DOS limits both the length and the kinds of characters in file and folder names, we have to change the standard Macintosh names to shorter versions that work under MS-DOS. Clicking on the file or folder name in the Get Info dialog box toggles between the Macintosh and MS-DOS versions of the name.

Examples:

Macintosh name = System Folder Short name=!System.Fol

Macintosh name = Cafe 7.0F Short name=!Cafe_7.0F

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