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System 7.5: Overview Of Productivity Features (2/95)

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TOPIC -----

This article provides an overview of the new productivity features included in System 7.5.

DISCUSSION -----

System 7.5 includes a host of new features that help Macintosh users reduce complexity and work more efficiently. Some of the features give a glimpse into the future when Macintosh systems will become even smarter about users' preferences:

- Hierarchical Apple menus – enable faster and easier access to items that are kept in folders under the Apple menu. For instance, selecting Control Panels under the Apple menu causes a list of sub-menus to be displayed. A set of “recent items” selections also automatically tracks documents, applications, and servers that were recently used, letting the user quickly refer back to them and open them again.
- The Recent Applications selection shows the applications most recently used and lets them be quickly launched from this menu.
- Stickies – lets users create on-screen electronic notes.
- Finder hiding – lets the Finder be inactive while an application is running; if a user clicks outside a document window, the application still remains selected, thus preventing the novice user from getting “lost” by switching to the Finder or another application.
- Default document folder – automatically saves files to a folder named “Documents” on the desktop, rather than the application folder, making it easier for novice users to keep track of documents.
- System and application folder locking – prevents accidental deletion of important files.
- Updated Scrapbook and Notepad – includes built-in support for Macintosh Drag and Drop.

- Windowshade – lets the user click on a window title bar to hide the window from view, thereby reducing screen clutter caused by many windows being open at once.
- Support for larger hard disk volumes—up to 4 gigabytes.

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