# System 7.5: System Folder Contents (2/95)

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TOPIC -------------------------------------------------------------

After recently upgrading to System 7.5, I am curious as to the purpose of my
system folder and its contents.

DISCUSSION --------------------------------------------------------

The following is a brief description of the major contents of the system folder
and what their purpose is.  The contents of your system folder may vary.

Finder
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Provides the Finder environment.

Apple Menu Items
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This folder contains all the items which appear under the Apple menu.  Any item
such as a folder, application, or document, which is put into this folder will
immediately appear under the Apple menu.

Clipboard
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Temporary Storage place for last item cut or copied

Control Panels
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Individual control panel files reside in this folder.  Control Panels allow you
to customize how you interface with your Macintosh and how it interfaces with
other Macintosh Computers on a network.

Extensions
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Software which modifies how your Macintosh works without your intervention is
stored in the Extensions folder.

Fonts
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Font suitcases or individual files reside in this folder.  The Font folder is
limited to a total of 128 suitcase and font files (PostScript fonts are not

included in the 128 file limit).  Suitcases can hold an unlimited number of font
files, as long as 16MB of disk space is not exceeded.


Launcher Items
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Contains files, folders, or applications which will appear in the Launcher
window.


Note Pad File
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Contains the text for Note Pad


Preferences
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Many applications create a preferences file for themselves, those files reside
in the Preferences folder.


PrintMonitor Documents
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Files which you have selected to be printed with Background Printing enabled
will temporarily reside in this folder.  After the print job has been completed,
the system software will remove the temporary file.


Scrapbook File
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Stores the items placed in the Scrapbook


Shutdown Items
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Applications or scripts which you would like to execute when your computer is
shut down reside in this folder.  Keep in mind that these applications or
scripts will only run if you choose Shut Down from the Special menu.  Choosing
Shut Down from the Apple menu will bypass these items.


Startup Items
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This folder contains applications or scripts which you would like to launch or
run when your computer is started up.


System
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This is the actual system file, it cannot be modified from the Finder level.


Universal Enabler
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Provides additional system software code for the Macintosh.


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