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System 7.5: Folder Protection Option Not Available (1/97)

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TOPIC -----

Why is the System Folder "locking feature" not available on all of my Macintosh computers that are running System 7.5? It works on some of my Macintosh computers, but not all of them.

Can I enable System Folder "locking feature" on one of my computers and then copy the General Controls control panel from that computer onto all of my other computers instead of resetting each of their General Controls control panels?

DISCUSSION -----

System 7.5

This folder "locking feature" you describe is called Folder Protection. It gives you the ability to protect the System Folder or Applications Folder from change or accidental deletion. It is a function of System 7.5, not of the hardware. In other words, this function will work on any Macintosh computer running System 7.5 if the system software is set up correctly and operating properly.

Most likely, what is "wrong" on some of your Macintosh computers is that File Sharing is turned on. Folder Protection will not work if File Sharing is on. When File Sharing is on the Folder Protection options in the General Controls control panel will be unavailable or "grayed out."

Check your Sharing Setup control panel to see whether File Sharing is on or off. If it is on, you will have to turn it off if you want to enable the Folder Protection features. File Sharing and Folder Protection cannot be on at the same time, you can only have one or the other. File Sharing will automatically turn off the Folder Protection features when it is turned on.

Your idea of copying the General Controls control panel to lock all of your computers System Folders will not work because the system settings will be reset as soon as File Sharing is turned on.

System 7.5.3

With System 7.5 Version 7.5.3, if folder protection is turned on for both the System and Applications folder, these folders cannot be renamed because of the

protection feature as expected. If File Sharing is now turned on, the folder protection options in the General Controls control panel become grayed out. However, the System and Applications folders cannot be renamed as if folder protection had not been turned off.

By opening the General Controls control panel, which shows folder protection boxes grayed and indicate folder protection is off, and closing the control panel, you can now rename the protected folders indicating folder protection is now off.

It appears that turning on File Sharing does not actually turn off folder protection, if it had previously been turned on. However, because File Sharing is on, opening and closing the General Controls control panel turns it off because the buttons are disabled.

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