System 7.5 Update 2.0: Universal System Folder (9/96)

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TOPIC ---

This article contains questions about creating and using the Universal System
Folder in System 7.5.3.

Questions Answered in this Article:
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1) Why would I want to create a universal System Folder?

2) How can I create a universal System Folder using the installer included with
System 7.5 Update 2.0?

3) How much space does the universal System Folder require on a volume? I
attempted to install it on a 44 MB removable cartridge, but I didn't have
enough room.

4) I created a universal System Folder and tried to startup my computer.
However, it is locking up as the extensions load at startup. What's going on?

5) Why can't I create a universal System Folder using System 7.5.1 or System
7.5.2?

6) I noticed that the Power Macintosh 5400/120 computer includes System 7.5.3
Revision 2. Can I install and use the Universal System Folder on this computer?

DISCUSSION --

1) Question: Why would I want to create a universal System Folder?

Answer: Only some users need a universal System Folder. You might want to create
a universal System Folder if you

• start up different Macintosh models using removable media
• want to simplify support of multiple users by giving all users the same System
Folder
• prefer to start up computers using an external startup disk

If you are responsible for only one computer, you shouldn't need to create a

universal System Folder.

2) Question: How can I create a universal System Folder using the installer
included with System 7.5 Update 2.0?

Answer: To create a universal System Folder, you must start with System 7.5. The
procedure will not work if you start with System 7.5.1 or 7.5.2. (You cannot
install System 7.5 on a computer that requires 7.5.2 or greater.)

These steps assume you're not installing the software on your startup drive. A
universal System Folder can be created on your startup drive, but you'll be
forced to restart after each installation. By installing onto another drive, you
can avoid several restarts.

Step 1

Open the System 7.5 Installer (the Installer for version 7.5.0 of the system
software).

Step 2

When you see the Installer's welcome screen, click Continue.

Step 3

Choose Custom Install from the pop-up menu in the upper-left corner of the
dialog box.

Step 4

Click Switch Disk until the name of the desired destination disk appears.

Step 5

Click the triangle on the left side of the first item in the list.

Step 6

Click the box next to "System for any Macintosh" to put an "X" in it.

Step 7

In the list, click the triangle to the left of Utility Software, then click the
box next to AppleScript to put an "X" in it.

If you are creating the universal System Folder on a disk that did not already
have a System Folder on it, skip step 8.

Step 8

If you are creating the universal System Folder on a disk with a System Folder
on it, hold down the Command and Shift keys while pressing the K key. Click to

select the button labeled Install New System Folder and then click OK.

Step 9

Click Clean Install (or Install, if you skipped step 8) and wait for the installation to finish (inserting disks as needed).

If the destination disk had a System Folder on it, the contents of your old System Folder have been moved to a new folder titled Previous System Folder.

Step 10

Insert the System 7.5 Update 2.0 CD or the first update floppy, disk and open the System 7.5 Update Installer.

Step 11

When you see the Installer's welcome screen, click Continue.

Step 12

Choose Custom Install from the pop-up menu in the upper-left corner of the dialog box.

Step 13

Click Switch Disk until the name of the desired destination disk appears.

Step 14

Click the Universal Update box to put an "X" in it.

If you don't see this option, make sure that you've done the previous steps correctly.

Step 15

Click the Install button and wait for the installation to finish (inserting disks as needed).

3) Question: How much space does the universal System Folder require on a volume? I attempted to install it on a 44 MB removable cartridge, but I didn't have enough room.

Answer: On a 44 MB volume, the universal System Folder will take approximately 36.3 MB. So, you should be able to install it successfully. It is possible that you selected "System for any Macintosh" and then selected all the other options in the Custom Install window. This may seem logical, but it is not necessary. Be sure to carefully follow the directions for creating the universal System Folder.

4) Question: I created a universal System Folder and tried to start up my computer. However, it is locking up as the extensions load at startup. What's going on?

Answer: The universal System Folder may include items which are not needed for a particular Macintosh computer. These additional items should be inert and have no effect. However, it is possible that you may need to start up with the Space Bar down (to open the Extensions Manager control panel) and disable unused extensions and control panels.

5) Question: Why can't I create a universal System Folder using System 7.5.1 or System 7.5.2?

Answer: To create a universal System Folder, the System 7.5 Update 2.0 installer simply updates an already existing universal System Folder. However, the only previous installer capable of creating a universal System Folder was the System 7.5 installer. Because System 7.5.1 and System 7.5.2 installers are incapable of making a universal System Folder, you must start with a System 7.5 universal System Folder.

6) Question: I know that the Power Macintosh 5400/120 came out after System 7.5 Update 2.0, but I was wondering if I could install and use the Universal System Folder on this computer?

Answer: No, you cannot use the Universal System Folder with the Power Macintosh 5400/120 computer. The Power Macintosh 5400 computer uses a version of the system software that is newer than System 7.5.3 created with System Update 2.0. Additionally, this computer cannot use System 7.5, which is required to make the Universal System Folder (as explained in Question 6).

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