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About the Mac OS 7.6 Utilities Read Me (1/97)

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DISCUSSION -----

About the Mac OS 7.6 Utilities

This document contains information about the utilities provided with Mac OS 7.6.

5xxx/6xxx Tester

This program tests Performa and Power Macintosh 5200, 5300, 6200, and 6300 computers for a possible hardware problem. If you have a Performa or Power Macintosh 5200, 5300, 6200, or 6300 series computer, you should use the tester before installing Mac OS 7.6. See the document inside the Tester folder for instructions on using the tester.

IMPORTANT: The Power Macintosh or Performa 6360 does not have this hardware problem. If you have a Power Macintosh or Performa 6360, you do not need to use the tester program.

AppleShare software

If you have AppleShare software version 3.6, 3.6.1, or 3.6.2, you should upgrade to version 3.6.3 before installing Mac OS 7.6 over a network. See the document inside the AppleShare folder for instructions.

Disk First Aid

You use the Disk First Aid program to test and repair your hard disk.

To test a disk, follow these steps:

- 1) Open the Disk First Aid program.
- 2) In the screen that appears, click the icon of the disk you want to check.
- 3) Click Verify to test the disk for problems.

Drive Setup and HD SC Setup

You use the Drive Setup or HD SC Setup programs to update your disk driver or to reinitialize a disk. You should update the drivers on your hard disks before installing system software.

The following computers should use the Drive Setup program:

- all computers with PowerPC microprocessors
- Macintosh LC 580
- Macintosh LC 630
- Macintosh LC 630 DOS Compatible
- Macintosh Quadra 630 series computers
- Macintosh Performa 580 series computers
- Macintosh Performa 630 and 640 series computers
- PowerBook 150 series computers
- PowerBook 190 series computers

All other computers should use HD SC Setup.

Note for PowerBook 150 owners: You do not need to update the driver for your internal hard disk. That driver is contained in your computer's ROM. If you try using either utility program to update the driver, nothing will happen.

Note for Quadra owners with a PowerPC Upgrade Card: Drive Setup does not work with your upgrade card. You can use HD SC Setup to update your driver or initialize a disk, but you need to turn off the PowerPC upgrade card before using HD SC Setup.

To update the disk driver with Drive Setup, follow these steps:

- 1) Open the Drive Setup program.
- 2) Click the disk whose driver you want to update.
- 3) Choose Update Driver from the Functions menu.

To update the disk driver with HD SC Setup, follow these steps:

- 1) Open the HD SC Setup program.
- 2) Click Drive until the "volume name" is the name of the disk whose driver you want to update.
- 3) Click Update.

WARNING: Before using Drive Setup or HD SC Setup to update your disk driver, make sure you turn off any disk protection software you may be using.

IMPORTANT: If the Update Driver command is dimmed, or if the disk name never appears when you click Drive, the problem disk is either not supported, or it's previously been updated with a non-Apple utility.

- If the disk isn't supported, check the instructions that came with your computer or disk to see if the manufacturer includes or recommends a disk utility, and use that utility to update the driver. To ensure a successful update, obtain the latest version of the utility.

- If you've updated or formatted the disk with a non-Apple utility, you'll need to use that utility again to perform the update. To ensure a successful update, obtain the latest version of the utility.

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