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Macintosh Finder: Reasons for Slow Operation

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TOPIC -----

What could make the Finder run slowly?

DISCUSSION -----

A slow Finder is not caused by the size of the disk, but by the size of the Desktop file. The size of the Desktop file is not directly related to the number of files it contains, but to the number of icons and file comments.

The number of icons is related to the number of applications. Slow operation becomes a problem for hard disks with more than 50 applications. The number of comments is a problem only for those who add a comment to every file and folder. This is typical with public domain software. To remove all comments, you can rebuild the Desktop file in one of two ways.

- You can delete the Desktop file in ResEdit.
- You can hold down the Command and Option keys while you start up your computer.

These operations remove the comments and speed things up appreciably.
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