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Macintosh: Feature Summaries for Finder 4.1, 5.4, and 5.5

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TOPIC ---

This article lists the features of Finder versions 4.1, 5.4, and 5.5.

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

Finder 4.1

These are the features added to Finder 4.1:

• Mini Finder

• Choose Printer Desk Accessory

• New Folder option

• Print Catalog

• Page Setup

• Shut Down

• About the Finder

• Up to 500 documents can be managed. (The previous limit was 130.)

• Icons can be moved, renamed, duplicated, or discarded from directories
  in any arrangement--view by icon, name, date, size, or kind.

• Directories are displayed in a text format (name, date, size or kind);
  a locked file displays a small padlock next to it.

• If the Finder encounters an error and can't reconstruct folders
  exactly, the top level of the folder hierarchy is always remembered
  (although the associated names are not).

• Open Dialog box matches user-entered characters.

• New combined Font/Desk Accessory Mover.

Finder 5.4

These are the features added to Finder 5.4:

• Trash can bulges when there's something in it.

• Two Get Info windows go side-by-side.

• Network Support:

  • Network files and volumes supported
  • Get privilege
    • Allows setting and viewing of access privileges
    • Shows folder names, location, user name, privileges, owner, group
  • Folder visual appearance indicates folder status.

• Option-drag operation copies an icon instead of moving it.

• Clean Up options: Clean Up Window, Clean Up Desktop, Clean Up Selection(s).

• Shutdown menu item initiates "housecleaning" on system, files, and desktop.

• Restart reboots the system.

• Control Panel accepts additional resources; Chooser 3.0 supports Zones.

• Size options added to RAM Cache.

• TeachText: Communicates undocumented changes; also a simple word processor.

• Startup Manager (SE and II only) Control Panel selection of any hard disk
  as Startup Device. Floppy insertion overrides startup selection.

Finder 5.5

These are the features added to Finder 5.5:

• Adjustment of window size from a larger screen when a window opens on a
  smaller screen.

• Resource errors less likely to cause a large desktop file.

• Dialogs and alerts centered on larger screens.

• Comments in the "Get Info" box copied properly when a file is duplicated.

• When boot disk is ejected, more icons (including small icons) are read into
  RAM, reducing the number of disk swaps required when changing disks.

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