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Macintosh Finder: Trash Can and Directory Changes

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TOPIC -----

Why can I open an application in MultiFinder, then drag documents into the Trash, yet still be able to open these same documents from the launched application?

Conversely, when I open a document put into the Trash directly from the Finder, the following error message appears: "Please drag the item out of the Trash."

DISCUSSION -----

What you are experiencing is not a bug. The reason you can open a "deleted" document is that applications can still see the directory entry for a document that you have put it in the Trash, but not emptied. The Finder empties the Trash when an application launches.

In your case, you launched your application before dragging the document into the Trash, so the file still had an entry in the directory. On the other hand, the Finder knows when you are trying to open a file from the Trash and displays an error message saying that you should not do so.

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