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Directory Structure: Symptoms of Damage and How to Repair (6/93)

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TOPIC -----

My PowerBook crashed, and required a restart using the power on button. After restarting, the folder labeled "Applications" was entirely empty. Before the crash it contained various applications in their respective folders. Aliases to the applications still operate correctly, starting the application the same as always. But, if I select the alias, do a Get Info, then Find Original, I receive an error.

DISCUSSION -----

These are generic symptoms that describe a corrupted directory structure. Don't continue to use this computer as you are in danger of continuing the damage to an unrecoverable situation. Immediately use disk utilities to:

- 1) Backup what you have, and then
- 2) Recover what is on the disk.

You can certainly use something such as Disk First Aid to scan the disk. Beyond this, there are a number of excellent utilities to try such as Mac Tools or Norton Utilities.

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