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MAE: Problems Using MS-DOS or Solaris Disks (7/95)

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TOPIC ---

I am having difficulty mounting or reformatting MS-DOS or Solaris disks on my
Sun Workstation running MAE.

DISCUSSION --

If you insert a floppy disk formatted for MS-DOS or Solaris into a Sun
workstation and try to mount it in MAE by clicking the Mount Floppy/CD button,
MAE displays an alert box. The alert box appears because the Solaris file
manager mounts the floppy disk before MAE has the opportunity to mount it
preventing MAE from accessing the floppy disk. The icon for the floppy disk
appears on your Solaris desktop. You can not reformat MS-DOS disks as Macintosh
disks, and can not use them on the MAE desktop.

You have several options for dealing with this situation:

• If you want to use the files on the disk, the contents of the disk will show
up as UNIX files in /floppy in your Solaris file system.

• If you do not want to use the files on the disk, and you want to format it as
a Macintosh disk, you can eject the disk, insert it into a Macintosh computer,
and reformat it as a Macintosh disk.

• If you do not want to use the files on the disk, and you want to format it as
a UNIX disk, you can try to reformat the disk on a UNIX workstation that is not
running the Solaris File Manager.

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