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DART: Utility for Duplicating Floppy Disks (10/93)

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TOPIC-----

Is there a Macintosh utility program for duplicating Macintosh, Lisa, Apple II or MS-DOS 3.5-inch floppy disks?

DISCUSSION -----

DART (Disk Archive/Retrieval Tool) is an application that enables you to duplicate Macintosh, Lisa, Apple II, or MS-DOS disks, save disk images, and create disks from image files. DART 1.5 can read disk image files in DART, DiskMaker, or Disk Copy format. DART 1.5 image files are compressed, approaching a reduction in size comparable to that obtained by using a commercial compression utility. DART 1.5 is System 7.0 "savvy", and implements a custom Apple event mechanism to automate the conversion of older DART or Disk Copy files to 1.5 format. The conversion process can be run by "remote control" (even across a network!) using an accompanying HyperCard stack. (For more information, please refer to the DART User Manual.)

Features of DART 1.5

- Data compression: more disk images can be archived in the same amount of space.
- Data checksumming for reliable disk duplication.
- Can read Disk Copy image files.
- Requires only 224K of RAM to run.
- Stack utility enables you to batch-convert DART 1.4 or Disk Copy files.
- Apple events support ("required" AE suite and custom 'cnvt' event.)
- System 7 "drag-and-drop" disk image creation.
- 32-bit clean.
- A/UX compatible.
- Color icons and balloon help.

Where to Obtain DART

The current version of DART may be downloaded from two locations on AppleLink:

1) The Apple SW Updates board. Use the following AppleLink path:

Software Sampler

Apple SW Updates
Macintosh
Utilities

2) On the AppleLink version of the Tech Info Library, posted as an enclosure to the article: "DART 1.5.3: Version Change History (10/93)"

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