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## Macintosh: Not Enough Room to Duplicate error (10/94)

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TOPIC -----

I am getting the message "Not enough room to duplicate" when I try to copy a file to my hard disk, even though there is plenty of room left on the disk.

DISCUSSION -----

The "Not enough room to duplicate" problem usually occurs when the invisible Desktop file has grown very large.

Rebuilding the Desktop file may help this situation:

1. Hold down the COMMAND and OPTION keys as your Macintosh boots up.
2. At the prompt for rebuilding the desktop, click OK.

This method of rebuilding the Desktop file (which keeps track of all the icons and their locations) rebuilds the file with only the current contents of the disk. Otherwise the Desktop file keeps copies of every icon, whether emptied from the trash or current on the disk, that the Desktop file has ever encountered, which can cause it to balloon to a large size.

Be aware that when rebuilding the desktop, you will lose any notes you have typed in the comment box in the Get Info windows of your files.

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