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## Disk First Aid: Disk with Bad Name Error Message

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TOPIC -----

I'm running Disk First Aid on a hard drive and am getting a "Disk with Bad Name" error. What does it mean? I'm sure the hard drive is okay.

DISCUSSION -----

More than likely Disk First Aid has found a bad bit of data in the boot blocks of the hard drive--possibly a bad pointer. Disk First Aid's error messages are sometimes a little unclear because it defaults to the "closest" error message.

One thing to do is bring up Disk First Aid's status screen before you run the test. After opening the drive, type Command-S, then check the drive. You'll see a much more comprehensive list of actions than "Checking the drive...".

Also, be sure you're running Disk First Aid under Finder (not MultiFinder), and that the drive you're checking is not the startup volume.

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