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TOPIC --

I want to be able to change a folder that is nested in several other folders and
have the modified date for all the enclosing folders change. Sometimes the
modified date changes for enclosing folders and sometimes it doesn't. Could you
briefly explain the way a Macintosh updates the modification dates for folders?

DISCUSSION ---

Modification dates are not propagated up the directory tree. Modification dates
are only changed when something in the folder actually changes and not something
in its sub-folders. In other words, it is possible to have a folder that has a
newer modification date than its parent. For example, the modification date on
my hard drive is 6/20/94 8:33 AM but the modification date for the system folder
is 6/20/94 11:37 AM.

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