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System 7.5: System Folder Contents (2/95)

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TOPIC -----

After recently upgrading to System 7.5, I am curious as to the purpose of my system folder and its contents.

DISCUSSION -----

The following is a brief description of the major contents of the system folder and what their purpose is. The contents of your system folder may vary.

Finder

Provides the Finder environment.

Apple Menu Items

This folder contains all the items which appear under the Apple menu. Any item such as a folder, application, or document, which is put into this folder will immediately appear under the Apple menu.

Clipboard

Temporary Storage place for last item cut or copied

Control Panels

Individual control panel files reside in this folder. Control Panels allow you to customize how you interface with your Macintosh and how it interfaces with other Macintosh Computers on a network.

Extensions

Software which modifies how your Macintosh works without your intervention is

stored in the Extensions folder.

Fonts

Font suitcases or individual files reside in this folder. The Font folder is limited to a total of 128 suitcase and font files (PostScript fonts are not included in the 128 file limit). Suitcases can hold an unlimited number of font files, as long as 16MB of disk space is not exceeded.

Launcher Items

Contains files, folders, or applications which will appear in the Launcher window.

Note Pad File

Contains the text for Note Pad

Preferences

Many applications create a preferences file for themselves, those files reside in the Preferences folder.

PrintMonitor Documents

Files which you have selected to be printed with Background Printing enabled will temporarily reside in this folder. After the print job has been completed, the system software will remove the temporary file.

Scrapbook File

Stores the items placed in the Scrapbook

Shutdown Items

Applications or scripts which you would like to execute when your computer is shut down reside in this folder. Keep in mind that these applications or scripts will only run if you choose Shut Down from the Special menu. Choosing Shut Down from the Apple menu will bypass these items.

Startup Items

This folder contains applications or scripts which you would like to launch or run when your computer is started up.

System

This is the actual system file, it cannot be modified from the Finder level.

Universal Enabler

Provides additional system software code for the Macintosh.

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