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TOPIC -----

I have a Macintosh computer which included an Iomega Zip drive, and I would like to know why I would need to use the Iomega Guest application, and how to do so.

DISCUSSION -----

Iomega Guest is a utility that allows you to temporarily use a Zip drive on a Macintosh computer without having to install the Iomega Driver in the System Folder. Running Iomega Guest provides the same access to your Zip drive as having the Iomega Driver permanently installed as an extension--it allows you to read files from a Zip disk, write files to a Zip disk, and run the Tools or other software from your Zip disks. The only difference is that when using the Guest program to provide access to your Zip drive, the Iomega Driver does not load automatically each time you start or restart the Macintosh.

Why use Iomega Guest?
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There are many reasons to use Iomega Guest:

- * If you want to use a portable Zip drive on multiple computers, but you do not want to install the full Iomega software package.
- * If you want to start your Macintosh computer with the extensions disabled, but you still want access to your Zip drive. This is particularly useful when troubleshooting.
- * If you do not want to install the Iomega Driver permanently in order to reduce the chances of extension conflicts.

How to use Iomega Guest
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* To use the Guest program on your own computer, for instance if you have installed Iomega software but are starting your computer with the extensions disabled, simply open the Iomega Tools folder and double-click the Guest icon.

NOTE: You must have the drive connected to the computer before running Guest. Also, the Iomega driver is not installed permanently on a Macintosh computer using this connection method.

Alternative to loading Iomega Guest

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An alternative to loading Guest is to simply to have a Macintosh formatted Zip disk inserted when you start your computer. Macintosh-formatted Zip disks contain a driver which will automatically run when the computer starts. To use this simply alternative:

Step 1

Insert a Macintosh formatted Zip disk into the Zip drive.

Step 2

Start the computer following your normal startup procedures.

Step 3

Once your Macintosh has started with the Zip disk inserted, you will be able to use your drive just like any other removable drive on your system.

NOTE: The Iomega driver is not installed permanently on a Macintosh using this connection method.

Troubleshooting

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* The following message may appear when you are attempting to run the Iomega Guest utility, "The driver version 5.0.1 is loaded and ready to run your drive(s)." This message generally indicates that the Iomega Driver is already loaded. Since the Iomega Driver is already loaded, you do not need to use the Iomega Guest utility. In this case, you need only to close the message dialog box and access the Zip drive.

Note: This information comes directly from the online Iomega Guest Help manual, which was included with your Macintosh computer.

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