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Mac OS 8: About the Utilities Read Me

TOPIC

This article is the About the Utilities Read Me file that comes with Mac OS 8.0.

DISCUSSION

This document contains information about the utilities provided with Mac OS 8.

5xxx/6xxx Tester
This program tests Performa and Power Macintosh 5200, 5300, 6200, and 6300
computers for a
possible hardware problem. If you have a Performa or Power Macintosh 5200, 5300,
6200, or 6300
series computer, you should use the tester before installing Mac OS 8. See the
document inside the
Tester folder for instructions on using the tester.

Important: The Power Macintosh or Performa 6320, 6360, and 5260 do not have this
hardware
problem. If you have a Power Macintosh or Performa 6320, 6360, or 5260, you do
not need to use
the tester program.

AppleShare software
If you have AppleShare software earlier than version 3.6.5, you should upgrade
to version 3.6.5
before installing Mac OS 8 over a network. See the document inside the
AppleShare folder for
instructions.

Drive Setup
You use the Drive Setup program to update your disk driver or to reinitialize a
disk. When you do this,
all the contents of your hard disk are erased.

To update the disk driver with Drive Setup, follow these steps:

Warning: Before using Drive Setup to update your disk driver, make sure you turn
off any disk
protection software you may be using.

1. Open the Drive Setup program.

2. Click the disk whose driver you want to update.

3. Choose Update Driver from the Functions menu.

Important: If the Update Driver command is dimmed, or if the disk name never appears when you
click Drive, the problem disk is either not supported, or it is previously has been updated with a
non-Apple utility.

After installing Mac OS 8, you cannot use the obsolete Apple HD SC Setup utility to initialize your
hard disk. Use the Drive Setup program supplied with Mac OS 8 instead.

Disk not supported
If the disk is not supported, check the instructions that came with your computer or disk to see if the
manufacturer includes or recommends a disk utility, and use that utility to update the driver. To
ensure a successful update, obtain the latest version of the utility. If you have an Iomega Zip or Jaz
drive, updated driver software is provided on the Mac OS 8 CD, in the CD Extras folder.

Disk updated with non-Apple utility
If you have updated or formatted the disk with a non-Apple utility, you will need to use that utility again
to perform the update. To ensure a successful update, obtain the latest version of the utility.

Disk First Aid
You use the Disk First Aid program to diagnose and repair problems with your hard disk. In order to
successfully repair problems, you must start up your computer using a disk other than the hard disk
being repaired. You can use the Mac OS 8 CD or disks for this. See the installation manual for
details.

Disk Copy
You use the Disk Copy program to make exact copies of floppy disks from a disk image, mount disk
images on your desktop, and various other functions related to disk images. Many Apple updates
are provided in Disk Copy format. You can use this program to create floppy disks or otherwise use
the disk images. See the information in the Disk Copy folder for details.

SimpleText
SimpleText is a text editing program that you can use to create, edit, and view

documents. It can also
play QuickTime movies, display QuickDraw 3D objects, and speak text aloud. Many
Read Me files,
such as this one, are distributed in SimpleText format.

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