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Compatibility Problems

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Japanese and Chinese Language Kits

To use the Japanese Language Kit with your computer, you must install version 1.2 or later. In the United States, you can obtain an upgrade by calling Claris at 1-800-293-6617.

To use the Chinese Language Kit with your computer, make sure you use version 1.1.1 or later. To install the Chinese Language Kit version 1.1.1, follow these three steps:

- 1) Install the WorldScript Updater 1.0.
- 2) Install the Chinese Language Kit version 1.0 or 1.1.
- 3) Install the Chinese Language Kit Updater to update your software to version 1.1.1.

IMPORTANT: Be sure to follow the steps in the order shown.

QuarkXPress

To use QuarkXPress with System 7.5.3 or later on a PowerPC-based computer, you must upgrade to QuarkXPress version 3.3.2.

Microsoft Office

If you are using Microsoft Office 4.2.1, you need the "Office 4.2x Update For Power Mac" version 1.0.1 extension, and the "Microsoft Office Manager" version 4.2.1b control panel. These can be found on the Internet. Download the MC1164.HQX and MOMPATCH.HQX "patch" (update) files from Microsoft. The patches are available on the Internet at:

<ftp://ftp.microsoft.com/softlib/mslfiles>

Monochrome Monitor

The Apple 12-inch monochrome monitor (M1050) cannot be used with the Power Macintosh 7200, 7600, 8500, 9500, or future models.

Important Information About Document Auto-Save

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The Energy Saver control panel contains a feature named "Document Auto-Save." The purpose of this feature is to automatically quit all open applications during an idle or scheduled shutdown, while saving changes to any open documents in each application. Since there are literally thousands of applications available for the Macintosh (with new ones always arriving), we cannot guarantee that Document Auto-Save will be compatible with every application. This is especially true for any application that does not use standard routines to implement the alerts or dialog boxes used to save changes to new or modified documents. When an application is incompatible with Document Auto-Save, it will either not automatically quit, or it displays alerts or dialog boxes which Document Auto-Save does not recognize and therefore does not dismiss.

If you intend to turn Document Auto-Save on, we recommend that you monitor its operation during the first attempted idle or scheduled shutdown and note if any of your applications are not compatible. You can avoid problems with incompatible applications simply by making sure you leave no documents open that are new or modified before an idle or scheduled shutdown is to occur.

Alternatively, you can modify the Document Auto-Save preferences in the Energy Saver control panel to sleep instead of shutting down when unsaved documents are open.

For instructions for using Energy Saver & Document Auto-Save, choose Macintosh Guide from the Guide (question mark) menu, and choose the Energy Saving topic area.

Other Document-Saving Products

There are conflicts when non-Apple document-saving control panels or extensions are used in conjunction with Energy Saver's Document Auto-Save. Examples of such products are NowSave and SuperBoomerang. For best results, use the document-saving features of only one control panel or extension.

Self-Dismissing Dialogs

Under some rare conditions, the Energy Saver control panel may continuously dismiss dialog boxes if the Document Auto-Save feature unexpectedly fails during an idle or scheduled shutdown. (Whenever a dialog box appears, it is dismissed as if you have pressed the Return key.) To return things to normal, simply click the mouse button or press the space bar.

Important Information About Macintosh PC Exchange

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Apple File Exchange and Macintosh PC Exchange

The Apple File Exchange software is not compatible with your Macintosh model or with Macintosh PC Exchange. Version 2.0.5 of PC Exchange contains an easier method for accessing DOS and Apple II ProDOS disks on a MacOS-based computer.

AutoDoubler

To use AutoDoubler with Macintosh PC Exchange, you must first open the AutoDoubler control panel and turn off the "Show DD on Compressed Files" option from the DD menu.

Compressed PC Disks and Files

Macintosh PC Exchange does not work with DOS-format floppy disks or SCSI hard disks that have been compressed using Stacker or other DOS or Windows disk-compression utilities. Before transferring compressed DOS files to a MacOS-based computer, you must decompress the files and save them to a noncompressed DOS-format floppy disk.

DMF Format PC Disks

Microsoft provides some PC software on floppy disks that use a formatting scheme called DMF. PC Exchange version 2.0.5 can't read DMF-formatted floppy disks. Standard DOS-format floppy disks work correctly with PC Exchange 2.0.5.

Working With Disks Containing Multiple Partitions

If a SCSI hard disk or removable media cartridge has been formatted to contain multiple partitions, you can use PC Exchange to mount the MacOS-, DOS-, or ProDOS-format partitions as individual volumes on the Macintosh desktop. If the disk contains both MacOS- and DOS-format partitions, PC Exchange will recognize only the MacOS partition. In addition, PC Exchange will recognize ProDOS-format partitions only on SCSI hard disks that are less than 32 megabytes.

You can use PC Exchange to erase existing individual partitions on a SCSI hard disk or removable media cartridge if they have the same format. However, you cannot use PC Exchange to reformat and resize individual partitions contained on the disk. Nor can you format a MacOS-format hard disk or removable media cartridge as a DOS-format disk. To resize or reformat multiple MacOS, DOS, or ProDOS partitions, you need to use third-party software designed for partitioning hard disks and removable media cartridges.

Working with DOS-Format SCSI Removable Media Devices

In order for PC Exchange to recognize any SCSI removable media device, you must turn on the device and eject any cartridges before you turn on your computer.

Do not install the device driver software that came with your removable media device. Instead, open the PC Exchange control panel, click the Options button, select your SCSI device from the list, and then restart your computer. PC Exchange will install its own device driver for that SCSI device.

The Eject Disk command is unavailable when you are working with removable media devices. To unmount and eject a removable media cartridge, drag the device's icon to the Trash. Once the device has spun down and the red light goes out, you can manually eject the cartridge from the drive. To access a removable media cartridge that has been ejected, simply reinsert the cartridge in the drive.

When initializing and formatting Bernoulli and SyQuest cartridges on a DOS or DOS-compatible computer, use the disk setup and partitioning software that came with the SCSI controller card installed in your PC or that came with your Bernoulli or SyQuest device. (Do not use the MS-DOS FDISK command.) Also, use the MS-DOS FORMAT command to format a newly initialized removable media cartridge on a DOS or DOS-compatible personal computer (PC) before you copy DOS files onto it.

When you initialize a removable media cartridge on a DOS or DOS-compatible PC, you must fully partition, initialize, and erase the cartridge using the software that came with your SCSI controller card or removable media drive. If you do not, PC Exchange may not recognize the new DOS-format partitions on that cartridge.

Working with DOS-Format SCSI Hard Disk Drives

In order for Macintosh PC Exchange to recognize a SCSI hard disk drive, you must turn on the drive before you turn on your computer.

Do not install the device driver software that came with your removable media

device. Instead, open the PC Exchange control panel, click the Options button, select your SCSI device from the list, and then restart your computer. PC Exchange will install its own device driver for that SCSI device.

When initializing and formatting an external SCSI hard disk connected to a DOS or DOS-compatible PC, use the MS-DOS FDISK command or the disk setup and partitioning software that came with the SCSI controller card installed in your PC. In addition, you should use the MS-DOS FORMAT command to format and erase the disk before you copy DOS files to a new SCSI hard disk connected to a PC.

Tips and Problems

- A "Sad Mac" icon may appear on your screen at startup if a removable media cartridge has been left in the drive. To keep this problem from occurring, manually eject removable media cartridges from their drives before you turn on your computer.
- Macintosh PC Exchange cannot recognize SCSI hard disks, removable media devices, or drive container files that contain more than one gigabyte of disk space.

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