Retrospect: Incompatible with Tape Disk Init

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TOPIC --

I got a copy of Dantz Development Corporation's Retrospect backup software to use with my Apple Tape Backup 40 SC drive, but it doesn't seem to work.

DISCUSSION ---

Dantz Development Corporation, the makers of Retrospect (the site licensed archival/backup software) have found an init conflict between Retrospect and the Apple Tape Backup 40 SC drive's "Tape Disk" INIT.

Essentially, "Tape Disk" is an init that lets the user mount any tape inserted into the Apple Tape Backup 40SC drive onto the desktop. However, Retrospect also has an INIT called "Retro.SCSI" that has been optimized for use with the Apple Tape Backup 40 SC unit.

Thus, if "Tape Disk" is present in your System Folder and loads at startup, Retrospect will be unable to recognize the Apple Tape Backup Unit, (even if Retro.SCSI is not present in your System Folder) whether or not it can be seen using a diagnostic SCSI utility, such as the "SCSI probe" CDEV.

To fix this problem, remove the "Tape Disk" init from your System Folder and restart your Macintosh. Retrospect should recognize your Apple Tape Backup 40 SC unit at that point.
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