Macintosh Plus: Using Microsoft applications on an 800K disk

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With the release of the Mac+ and double sided disk drives, many people will want to put Microsoft applications on 800K disks. The following information will take you through the steps needed to prepare an 800K disk for use with Microsoft applications.

The following information assumes that you already know how to perform basic operations with your Apple Macintosh. You should know how to use the Finder and the mouse, eject disks, and copy files. If you are not familiar with these operations, please refer to your Macintosh users manual. The following steps assume you are using a Mac+ with an 800K external disk drive.

   1. Start the computer with the system disk that came with your computer. This system disk should contain a system file (v3.0 or higher), and a Finder (v5.1 or higher).

   2. Insert a blank disk into the external disk drive and initialize it to be an 800K disk.

   3. Copy the system folder from the Mac+ system disk to the initialized 800K disk.

   4. Now eject the system disk from the internal disk drive and insert the Microsoft application disk. (If you are setting this disk up for Microsoft Excel, insert the program disk marked 1 of 2).

   5. Copy the program and any other files such as printer drivers, help files etc., to the newly formatted 800K disk in the external disk drive. DO NOT COPY THE SYSTEM FOLDER. You have already copied the system folder from the Mac+ system disk.

The process is now complete. You may shut down and reboot the computer with the 800K disk that you just prepared. When you start one of our applications, the program will start to load and then ask for the master. You will have to insert the master once when you start the program.

SETUP FOR 512K MAC AND 800K EXTERNAL DISK DRIVE

The following steps will allow you to set up your 800K disks with Microsoft applications to run on a 512K mac.

1. Start the computer by inserting the new system disk into the internal drive. The system disk must be on a 400K disk and contain a system file (v3.0 or higher), Finder (v5.1 or higher), and an HD 20 file.

2. Insert a blank disk into the external 800K disk drive and initialize it for 800K.

3. Make a copy of the system folder (containing the system, Finder, and HD20 files) onto the 800K disk in the external disk drive.

4. Now eject the system disk from the internal disk drive and insert the Microsoft application disk. (If you are setting this disk up for Microsoft Excel, insert the program disk marked 1 of 2).

5. Copy the program and any other files such as printer drivers, help files etc. to the newly formatted 800K disk in the external disk drive. DO NOT COPY THE SYSTEM FOLDER. You have already copied the system folder from the Mac+ system disk.

The process is now complete. When using a 512K mac with 800K external disk drive, you must always start the computer with the 400K system disk, containing the system, Finder, and HD20 files) in the internal disk drive. Insert the newly prepared 800K application disk into the external drive and start the application. The system disk in the internal drive will be ejected and the program will ask for the master. After you insert the master, it will be ejected and the internal drive will be free. You will be able to save data files to the internal drive.

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