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BAD 1.1 INIT Is Shareware

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TOPIC -----

Logging onto AppleLink (with "reseller privileges") I notice the INIT BAD 1.1 is located under the User Groups icon (path: Product Questions and Answers/ Macintosh/ System Software). I have done a fairly detailed analysis of this INIT and I believe it could be useful to some of my customers.

Can I freely distribute this INIT to my resellers? Can my resellers freely distribute this to their end-users? I assume the answer is "Yes." Otherwise, I would not expect it under the User Group icon.

DISCUSSION -----

BAD 1.1 is not an Apple product. Rather, it is a shareware program by Giuseppe Carnevale from Italy. As such, it can be freely copied and distributed, but should not be distributed as an Apple-supported program. If you do distribute it, it must be made clear that the author expects payment for each station where it is actively used.

More information can be obtained from the program's documentation, or by opening the program's "About" window. This is done as follows:

- 1) With BAD active, select an already-formatted disk.
- 2) Select Erase Disk from the Finder's Special menu. Instead of the normal initialization dialog, you should be presented with BAD's own "The disk '<name>' is already initialized." dialog.
- 3) Click the BAD disk icon at the left of the dialog window and the author's address will appear.

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