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TOPIC -----

I have a Macintosh Plus running System 6.0.3 and an Apple 20MB hard drive. I want to eliminate old data and old programs, but the system won't let me throw away any programs, data, or folders. The files are not locked, and the hard drive is very slow.

DISCUSSION -----

There are a couple of things we would try.

First, rebuild the hard disk's desktop file by holding down the Command and Option keys while you start up the system. Hold both keys down until the dialog box appears asking you to confirm the desktop rebuild.

If that does not help, boot from a locked System Tools diskette and try to throw away the files, folders, and the System folder. Then, reinstall the System using the Installer. Another solution might be holding the option key down while throwing something into the trash

Once you have a re-installed the System file, do a file-by-file backup of the drive, re-initializing the drive, and then restoring the data and applications.

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