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TOPIC -----

I upgraded my Macintosh hard drive to system software version 7.0, but I have some programs that are not version 7.0 compatible that I'd still like to use. Can I start up my Macintosh from a floppy startup disk that is running system software earlier than version 7.0 and use those programs?

DISCUSSION -----

Yes. You can start up from a system software version 6.0.X startup floppy disk, provided that the Macintosh doesn't require version 7.0.1 or later to run. The Macintosh Classic II, Macintosh PowerBook series, and Macintosh Quadra series do not support system software version 6.0.X.

Note ----

Version 6.0.X does not recognize the version 7.0 desktop file. When you first start up from the version 6.0.X floppy disk, a dialog will appear reporting that the version 7.0 hard drive is damaged and asking if you want to repair it. (Your hard drive is not damaged.) Click the "OK" button, to create the version 6.0.X desktop file.

The next time you start up from the version 7.0 hard drive, the system software will update the version 7.0 desktop file for any changes that were made during the version 6.0.X operation.

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