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Apple Workgroup Server 95: How To Rebuild Desktop (6/96)

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TOPIC -----

How do you rebuild the Finder desktop under A/UX 3.01 on the Apple Workgroup Server (AWS) 95?

DISCUSSION -----

Ideally, the desktop could be rebuilt by holding down CMD-OPTION keys. The problem with this approach is the timing has to be very precise for it to work. To do this, hold this keys down immediately after the empty menu bar is drawn on the screen when you are starting a session. Another way to make sure the timing is correct would be to logout and wait for the empty menu bar to appear and then hold the keys down until the dialog asking "Are you sure you want to rebuild..." appears. The rebuild process could take a long time, depending on the size of the root volume and how many file systems are mounted.

If you are having problems with the above approach, and if you are using the AWS 95, and have autologin to root, and root is using the default system folder, follow this procedure.

- 1) Restart the system
- 2) When the "cancel" button appears after the A/UX launch, click it.
- 3) You will end up at a "startup#" prompt.
- 4) Type the following:

```
cd "/mac/sys/System Folder"
mv "Desktop DB" "Desktop DB.old"
mv "Desktop DF" "Desktop DF.old"
mv "%Desktop DB" "%Desktop DB.old"
mv "%Desktop DF" "%Desktop DF.old"
launch
```

You will then see A/UX startup. Again rebuilding the desktop may take some time, depending on the amount of local disk space attached.

If the problem is resolved, you can go back and remove the old/renamed files.

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- 3) You will end up at a "startup#" prompt.
- 4) Type the following:

```
cd "/mac/sys/System Folder"
rm "Desktop DB.old"
rm "Desktop DF.old"
rm "%Desktop DB.old"
rm "%Desktop DF.old"
launch
```

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