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Disk First Aid 7.2: Purpose (8/93)

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TOPIC -----

What is Disk First Aid and what does it do?

DISCUSSION -----

Disk First Aid is a utility which verifies the directory structure of any hierarchical file system (HFS) based storage volume. Many hard disk drives, floppy disk and compact disk (CD) drives are examples of HFS-based storage volumes.

If imperfections are found within a volume, Disk First Aid can be used as a "first step" to repair the defects/ if a volume has suffered several corruption other utility programs or repair methods may need to be used.

Disk First Aid 7.2 (released August 1993) checks for and repairs following volume attributes:

- Disk volume
- Extent B-tree
- Extent File
- Catalog B-tree
- Catalog File
- Catalog Hierarchy
- Volume Info
- Search for locked volume name

You can save the results of a verification or repair scan as a TeachText (text) document.

Disk First Aid cannot scan for deleted or trashed files or folders on a volume. There are several third party products which perform these tasks, however.

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