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HD Backup: Rejoining Backed-Up Files

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Some users have asked about recovering and rejoining data backed up on HD Backup:

- If one 3.5 disk is re-written, missing, or otherwise unrecoverable, HD Backup can not recover any of the other disks. Also, if a file is larger than 800K, it is split up and placed on separate floppies.

The best solution, of course, is to avoid the situation in the first place. WRITE PROTECT your backup diskettes, then use them only to restore files.

Once the problem has occurred, there are a few options for recovering the information:

- Insert the diskettes. From the Finder, copy files back to the hard disk.
- Rejoin split files using FEdit or some other utility

The second option might be a little challenging for some users:

DATA FORK

- If the data fork of the file is split over two disks, patch the files back together using Fedit's Multiple Sector Write, or a utility of your own.

RESOURCE FORK

- Rejoining a resource fork split over two diskettes is a little more complicated. The portion of the resource fork located on the first diskette should be normal. The portion on the second diskette contains a 512 byte header that should be disregarded. Again, rejoin the two halves with Fedit, or other utility.

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