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“READ ME” for Zap!, version 1.0

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REGISTERING ZAP! AND THE 7.0 PLUS UTILITIES

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Although Zap! is free, most of the 7.0 PLUS Utilities aren't. If you use any of them, you must register them, one copy per person who will use them.

7.0 PLUS Utilities is a package of all System 7.0 utilities I have written. You can get the disk with all of them NOW (not wait until I decide to upload the next program) by sending \$29.95 to me. This will register you for all the software, will get you a disk of the software, and an update to the PLUS Utilities when it rolls around. It's a pretty good deal. You should register your software, anyway, so why not do it like this? And it's a lot cheaper this way.

See the description and registration form for the 7.0 PLUS Utilities later on in this document.

USING ZAP!

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- If you use Zap!, please please please send me a note. My addresses (post and e-mail) are given below in “About the Author”.

What Does Zap! Do?

- Zap! provides you with a means of resetting the Parameter Ram without restarting your machine.
- Normally, this can only be accomplished by zapping the PRAM with the command-shift-option-P-R key sequence (yes, hold them all down at once) on startup, or by using the old control panel, again with a weird key sequence and then restarting. Or you could pull the battery (only a good idea on a Mac with a battery that isn't soldered on) — but this also resets the date and time.

Using Zap!

- Double-click on the Zap! icon under System 7, or open the Control Panel

DA and select the Zap! icon under System 6.0.X to open the Zap! window.

- Click the Reset Parameter RAM button to Zap the PRAM. The flash that you see is just to show you that something has happened. Zapping the PRAM really doesn't do that. You can hold down the option key while hitting the button to bypass the alert.
- Click on the Zap! logo for information on the program.
- System 7 Note: Although Zap! is a Control Panel, it does not have to be in the Control Panels folder to function properly.

WHAT IS THE PARAMETER RAM?

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Information that needs to be preserved when the Macintosh is off is stored in Parameter RAM. The battery-powered clock chip stores this information along with the current date and time so they will be present at the next system startup.

The Parameter RAM contains much of the information that you define through the standard Control Panels, including mouse, keyboard, speaker, alarm, and menu settings, monitor color depth, the default application font, the default startup volume, and serial port and AppleTalk information.

When the Parameter RAM is reset (zapped), all of the parameters are reset to their default values. Remember to set them back to the desired settings.

WHY WOULD I ZAP THE PRAM?

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Sometimes the PRAM can get corrupted, and a corrupted PRAM can do many bad things. For instance, it may cause your Mac to be unable to boot. (If this happens, Zap! won't be of much use. Try the key sequence I mentioned above.) If your Mac seems to be crashing all the time or in random locations, you might want to Zap your PRAM just to be sure.

Other damage, such as disk and data damage have been attributed to a corrupt Parameter RAM as well. While this may be the case, don't attribute all of your problems to your Parameter RAM.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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If you use this program, have any comments or suggestions, or ideas for other programs, please write me a note, e-mail or post.

Please remember to contact the author for registration and licensing.

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ABOUT 7.0 PLUS UTILITIES

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7.0 PLUS Utilities is a set of Drop Boxes, Control Panels, and other utilities which make using System 7.0 a whole lot easier and maybe even a bit more fun.

Many of the PLUS Utilities will be available on Compuserve, GENie, and other boards, as well as on public domain disks and CD ROMs. Understand that they don't pay me any money at all. You should still pay for the 7.0 PLUS Utilities that you use. One copy for each person (or each household, if it is not to be used in business at all) who will be using the software.

REGISTERING 7.0 PLUS UTILITIES

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The entire set can be registered for \$29.95 U.S. (that's a whole 5 CENTS less than \$30). As a registered user, you'll get updates to the software, documentation, and even new software (as long as I don't go into debt passing this stuff around).

You can register individual utilities by sending me a few dollars. If you do this, I cannot send you free updates, as the cost to me will likely be greater than the cost to you. Please include postage and a disk if you want an update to a program you have registered individually.

Remember that you must register one copy of each program for each computer it is to be used on. Or you can register one copy of the entire set for each computer the programs will be used on.

There is a total of 25 utilities in the package. See the specific information for the purposes and functions of these utilities. This is NOT a complete list. There has to be SOME kind of mystery.

To order, send your name, address, and a cheque with \$29.95 in U.S. funds (or \$35 Canadian) payable to Robert Gibson to the address below. You will be sent the 7.0 PLUS Utilities disk as soon as possible.

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Why 29.95? Well, I figure that a few dollars to register each program that you'll use, and the postage and disk fees to me, add up to somewhere around there. You ARE getting 25 programs.

All-in-all, I think it's a fair deal. If you don't think so, then download the utilities yourself from Compuserve. But don't forget that there is still a registration fee if you use the software.

SUPPORT

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Utilities will be given on-line support on Compuserve. E-mail me and I will give you a response as quickly as I can (that is usually fairly quickly).

I will fix reported bugs as soon as possible, and will relase updated software in the CIS libraries once the software has been completed. New disks will be sent out once a sufficient number of updates have been performed. Of course, there is a limit to the number of updates I can send out. It costs for the disks, the postage, etc. I think that the first disk and a major update is fair. After that, I'll have to request postage/disk fees.

DROP ROB•BOXES

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The Drop Rob•Box family is a set of utilities (some of which require System 7.0 to work) which perform many functions.

The following is a list of the current members of the Drop Rob•Box family.

Most of the Drop Rob•Boxes require System 7.0 or higher.

BLINDFOLD

Make files and folders visible or invisible in the Finder. Useful for hiding private files or cleaning up ugly desktop clutter. Files are modified through an open file dialog, or in Drop Box mode. All directories dragged into this Drop Box are scanned, so you can throw in sets of files, folders or even disks, or any combination of the three. Depending on your preferences you can even show or hide entire directories of files.

CATAPULT

Catapult is a method of launching applications with drag-and-drop support while helping to keep your desktop clean. Drop documents over the Catapult icon and select the application to launch from the get file dialog. The documents will then be opened by the application you have selected (if that application allows it). Allows you to try opening files of a type not normally openable by the target application.

CUSTOM KILLER

Custom Killer removes custom icon from files, folders, and even disks. It's a lot faster, especially when working with multiple items, than using Get Info in the Finder. It even works with aliases (with a bit of help).

DEICON

Delcon hides the icons of selected files, folders or disks in the Finder, so that only the name is visible. That way, you can stack your files, drag-and-drop utilities, etc. without taking up a lot of room. It is especially useful for making a launchpad that consumes very little space on your desktop. It even works with aliases (with a bit of help).

DEFLATE

Strip all help resources from selected files to save memory and disk space.

DESKTOP DELETER

Desktop Deleter allows you to select and delete different types of desktop database files from your hard drive. It also allows you to delete old-style and foreign disk database files. Since System 7 does not use the old-style Desktop files, you can free a large amount of space from your disks by

deleting it.

GETINFO

GetInfo lets you view and change file info for selected items. You can modify the name type, creator, finder flags, and locked bit of items just by dragging them over the application icon, or through a standard get file dialog. GetInfo requires System 7.

HERMIT

Hermit is a method of launching applications while quitting from the Finder (like the old Finder used to do without MultiFinder). You can launch multiple files or select single applications through a get file dialog. Quitting the Finder saves memory, important in certain circumstances.

LOCKSMITH

LockSmith allows you to lock or unlock files, folders, and disks quickly and easily without the trouble of the Finder's Get Info windows. Locked files and disks cannot be modified until they are unlocked. No locked item can be renamed or deleted until it is unlocked. When used under System 7.0 or higher in Drop Box mode, you can modify entire groups of items.

NAME STRIPPER

Name Stripper will scan folders and disks provided, and will modify (if preferences allow, of course), the names of all files and directories, no matter what their depth. Drop Boxes require Apple Events, and thus System 7.0 or higher.

OBLITERATE

Delete all files and folders you drop in this application, with an optional shredding facility to make files totally unrecoverable. All directories dragged into this drop box are scanned, so you can throw in sets of files, folders or even disks, or any combination of the three. You no longer have to go through the pain of selecting Empty Trash all the time. Also keeps a log of files you have obliterated for a user-specified period of time.

PESTICIDE

Pesticide lets you delete some pesky items from the selected disks and/or directories. It can be set up to delete all or all unresolvable aliases, empty directories, and empty files. It can also automatically

fix files that have accidentally had their alias bits set (and thus are really not aliases after all). As always, you select what Pesticide actually does.

RECOVERUP

If you notice that you have lost files while running System 7.0 or higher, you probably have run into this bug. After running reCoverUP on a disk which has lost files (just drag the disk over reCoverUP's icon), run a repair utility to fix the disk, and the files should be recovered. It is occasionally necessary to repair the disk a few times before the problem is actually fixed. Hopefully, you will never need to use this utility.

ROUTER

Drop files into this program and re-route them to other locations. For example, drop a text file in and move it to a Text Files folder. Or drop a Word document into a Word docs folder. Or a folder or disk containing text files, word files, and pict files, and move them to their own separate directories on Router's disk.

SCALE

Scale counts the number of files and folders in a selection (including files and folders within the directories you have selected), and calculates the total logical and physical size. So you don't have to get info on a group of items and then break out the calculator.

SCSI STARTUP

SCSI Startup sets the current startup disk to be the selected SCSI drive. Normally you have to open the Startup Disk Control Panel to change the startup disk. But now you can simply drag a disk icon over the application in the Finder, and it will be the new startup drive.

SETINFO

SetInfo sets file info for selected items. You can modify the type, creator, label, finder flags, and locked bit of files and folders just by dragging them over the application icon. It also works with System 6.0.X.

SOUND ROUNDUP

Sound RoundUp finds all 'snd ' resources in selected files and copies them into a folder or suitcase that it creates. It is capable of scanning

entire directories and disks.

STATIONER

Stationer allows you to quickly and easily toggle the stationery bit on selected files, without the trouble of going through the Get Info window. It can be used on entire groups and directories of files, filtering out those on which the bit should not be modified. Stationery pads are used as templates in System 7.0.

TEXTBREAK

Write messages and other files to be used on-line or on another type of computer normally (don't worry about hitting return at the end of each line). Then toss your files (or folders/disks containing the files) into this Drop Box. It determines the best location in the file to insert a CR and, optionally, a LF, based on your criteria (number of columns, etc.). Useful for those who communicate on-line and send messages (probably everybody reading this).

TEXTMERGE

Join text files into a single file. Very useful for telecommunicators (like you) who wish to join several text logs or groups of messages into one file. All directories dragged into this drop box are scanned, so you can throw in sets of files, folders or even disks, or any combination of the three, and all contained TEXT files will be processed.

CONTROL PANELS

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Control Panels are small programs which somehow modify your System or Finder. Although they are Control Panels, these do not have to be in the Control Panels folder to function properly. All 7.0 PLUS Utilities Control Panels require System 7.0 or higher.

PINK SLIP

Add a Quit menu item to the Finder for use in those memory-intense situations. You can also remove it if you don't like it any more. Does the trick described on p. 266 of Feb/92 MacUser a bit more elegantly and without requiring you to hone "your ResEdit skills". Also lets you quit from the Finder without modifying anything.

WAIT!

Change the Finder's rename delay through this Control Panel without

having to restart your machine. The rename delay is the amount of time the Finder waits after you have clicked on a file's name before allowing you to edit it.

ZAP!

Zap! provides you with a means of resetting the Parameter Ram without restarting your machine.

IT'S YOUR DEFONT

It's Your Default! provides you with a means of setting the default application font. It can be set for the current session (until you restart), or the changes can be saved across restarts in Parameter RAM.

OTHER PROGRAMS
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NETCHAT

Use this System 6-compatible desk accessory to chat between nodes on a localtalk network.

PINK SLIP FKEY

Install Pink Slip FKEY in your System file, and, by hitting a command-shift-number sequence (in this case, 8), you can cause the Finder to quit if it's active (and release the memory it occupies), or can relaunch it if it is not active. That way you don't have to quit all open applications to launch the Finder.

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