Quick Start

Installation

Copy or Move the Drag'nBack folder to any folder you like. Make an alias of the Drag'nBack program. Drag the alias file to the desktop. You may have to restart the Macintosh or rebuild the desktop or delete the desktop file in order for the drag and drop feature to take effect.

<p align="center">*********Try This Exercise First*********</p>

This is an exercise designed to familiarize a new user with the operation of Drag'nBack. After the exercise you should have a good feeling of what Drag'nBack can do for you. This is also a test.

1. Prepare one or more unneeded floppy disks. Don't insert in the floppy disk yet.
2. Select a document icon on the desktop. Choose Duplicate from the File menu.
3. Drag the duplicated document icon to Drag'nBack's icon (or its alias) and then release the mouse button. Drag'nBack will start up.
4. An information window will tell you how many floppy disks are needed, etc. Click the OK button. A backup dialog window will appear on the screen.

Follow the instructions at the bottom of the backup dialog window throughout the backup process. Backup will start after Drag'nBack knows what backup disk to use.

Any storage medium that will show up on the desktop can be used as a backup disk. This includes floppy disk, hard disk, SyQuest, Bernoulli, Zip, Jaz, optical cartridges, and remote volumes.

5. Insert a floppy disk. A dialog will ask you whether to delete files and/or rename the floppy disk. You can also initialize it. Click the OK button.
6. After the floppy disk is deleted and renamed, Drag'nBack will begin copying the duplicated document to the floppy disk. If backup stops with an error message of ID=-36, this means the file is copied to an area on the disk that is defective. Use a new disk.
7. After the file is backed up, the floppy disk is ejected and Drag'nBack will quit itself.
8. Open the duplicated document. Make some changes, save it, and close it.
9. Double-click on Drag'nBack's alias. A template dialog will appear. Click the OK button. Drag'nBack will update the backup file and then quit.
10. Go to the desktop, delete the duplicated document.
11. Open the folder that contains the Drag'nBack application. Look for a Drag'nBack document file called Drag'nBack.CAT. Double-click on the document to open it. A window that lists the file you backed up will appear.
12. Click on the file to select it. Choose the Restore… command from the Special menu (on some computers this is the left cat icon, one of two that appear on the menubar). Drag'nBack will restore the deleted document from the backup disk.
13. After restoration is complete, choose the Reveal command from the Special menu. You will see the deleted document restored in its original location. Open the duplicated document. You can open the document by choosing the Open command from the Special menu of Drag'nBack. Check that it is exactly the same as the deleted document.

14. If everything went well during these steps, then Drag'nBack will work with very little

problem on your computer. If you notice any glitches, please email us at RealIP@aol.com.

Back up a Whole Disk
Drag a disk icon over Drag'nBack. Drag'nBack scans the disk for all files. We recommend you use "Disk First Aid 7.2" to verify/repair the hard disk before backup.

Selecting a Backup Disk
If you want to use a disk already mounted on the desktop as the backup disk, you may need to select it using the drop down menu in the backup dialog.

To select a mounted disk as the backup disk, click the box at the top center of the dialog.   It is a pop-up menu listing all mounted disks. Select a disk using this menu and then click the Start button to start the backup.

If you insert a disk, it will be used as a backup disk. An unformatted disk will be formatted. A floppy disk will be erased/renamed. A non-floppy disk can be erased/renamed.

Each disk should have a unique name. Be sure to physically label each disk, as Drag'nBack will ask you for a specific disk when needed.

Drag'nBack will start automatically after a disk is accepted. If you need to eject a disk so you can insert a different one, click on the ejection icon at the center of the dialog to select a disk to eject.

Update Backup Files
After the initial backup, you need to update the corresponding backup files when you change source files or create new files. You can do an update by either dragging and dropping the icons over Drag'nBack again, or by double-clicking on Drag'nBack. Drag'nBack will ask you to insert a backup disk when needed.

The first method is slower than the second one. Use the first method only when you have new files.