

SUM AutoSave

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This program is useful only to those who have Symantec Utilities for the Mac.

This program has only one purpose in life: to copy the file SumSavData, from the root directory of the volume from which the program is started, to a floppy disk.

The file SumSavData is created and updated by Shield INIT from Symantec Utilities for the Mac. In the manual they recommend that you back up the file SumSavData regularly with Disk Clinic because in the event of your hard disk crashing it is much easier to recover it from a back up copy of SumSavData than from the copy stored on the crashed disk. Despite this I never backed it up because there are many steps involved. Thus I created this application.

I use it as a startup application, it looks for the file SumSavData in the hard disk and asks for a floppy to do the backup. When you insert the disk it copies the file from the hard disk to a floppy and it ejects the floppy disk. The original file on the hard disk is invisible but the copy in the floppy is visible and it is named "volume name".Rest. Thus if your hard disk is called Mighty One the file in the floppy will be called Mighty One.Rest. This is the format in which Disk Clinic backs up the file.

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I have tried to squash all the bugs (lots of them for a 13.5 K program). The only problem that I have is that MultiFinder refuses to close the Desktop file of an MFS (single sided) disk when SUM AutoSave unmounts the disk, therefore the icon of the disk will remain on the desktop after the program ejects the disk. Subsequently if you put the icon in the trash from MultiFinder it will ask you for the disk back. There is not much I can do for this one. The program was developed with a Mac II, system 6.0.2, and it will work under multifinder with a partition as small as 30K.

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