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Description

Version is a shareware utility application useful for determining the versions of applications, control panels, INITs and extensions you own. Since keeping up-to-date with the current revisions of your Macintosh software is important, using **Version** is an easy way to produce a listing of your current versions.

Use **Version** to produce a listing of your current revisions of software to determine compatibility and/or the need to upgrade.

How To Use Version

To start a version search, simply select Find Versions from the File menu (or simply type q-F). A dialog box will appear that allows you to choose which volume you wish to search. Using the pop-up menu, choose a volume, then click on the Scan button. You may also type q-S, press the return or enter keys to start a search.

Once the volume has been selected, the dialog box disappears and a window appears. This is a search window. Immediately, the search begins. As **Version** searches each file on your selected volume, the search window displays the current folder, current file and a list of matching files. Also, a bar graph shows **Version**'s progress on this volume. When the search is complete, the Macintosh will beep and you may save the result in a text file.

Version allows for *10 simultaneous searches* to take place. To start a second search while the first is proceeding, simply select Find Versions from the File menu again. This procedure can be repeated until 10 search windows are open. The results from each search are saved in

To stop a search, you may close the search window. You will be asked if you want to save the list of versions before closing.

To save the results of a search, select Save from the File menu.

Setting Preferences

Version allows you to set many operating features. Selecting Preferences from the File menu brings up a dialog box. In this dialog box you may set the type of files to search for and what type of text file to save the version list under. You may also choose to have the stage of each version (alpha, beta, development or released) added to the version list for each file. In addition, you can set whether or not **Version** adds the currently available version for your applications, control panels, INITs and extensions from the **Current Versions** data base to the version list.

To save the changes you have made in the Preferences dialog box, click on the Save button. You may also type q-S or press return or enter. Notice that you cannot save the changes if you have deselected all file types to be checked.

If you do not want to save any changes you have made in the Preferences dialog, simply click on the Cancel button. Typing q-. or q-C will also cancel changes.

For those interested, the three types of files that **Version** searches for (applications, control panels and INITs and Extensions) are located by their file type, a four-character code. Apple defines standard file types that **Version** uses as follows:

```
Applications:  'APPL'  'appe'

Control Panels:  'cdev'

INITs/Extensions: 'INIT'   'cbnd'
                  'PRER'   'tbnd'
                  'PRES'   'fbnd'
                  'RDEV'   'adev'
```

The options you set in the Preferences dialog are saved in a special place: a preferences file named Version Preferences. Depending on your operating system version, this will be placed in the currently active System Folder or in the Preferences Folder within the System Folder (System 7.0 and up). If you wish to have **Version** start up with the default preference options, simply drag the file named Version Preferences into the trash. Then, open the **Version** application and a new Version Preferences file will be created with the default preference

options. Current Versions Data Base

Included with **Version** is the **Current Versions** data base. This file contains a list of many

applications, control panels, INITs and extensions and their currently available revision level. This file will be updated periodically and will be made available on various computer services (such as America Online™ and CompuServe™).

If you know of an application, control panel, INIT or extension that is missing from the **Current Versions** data base, please contact the author (see [Reaching the Author](#)). Registered users will receive *much* more attention. Please include the exact name of the file, since **Version** must match that name with the one in the **Current Versions** data base.

The **Current Versions** data base contains only a few shareware files. In the future, many more will be added. Again, if you are aware of a shareware application, control panel, INIT or extension that you want added to the **Current Versions** data base, please contact the author as above.

Author's Notes

Version is a shareware utility and costs \$5.00 to purchase (each copy). The updates to the **Current Versions** data base are available at no extra charge. Previously registered users of **Version** can upgrade for free.

Universities, corporations or anyone interested in a site license for **Version** should please contact the author (see [Reaching the Author](#)).

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Version has been fully rewritten to provide support for Apple's **System 7.0**, including AppleEvents™ and Balloon Help™.

Version, the information provided by it and the **Current Versions** data base are believed to be accurate. However, due to the nature of the information involved, any discrepancies are not the fault of the author. In short, the version lists and current version information are understood to be as-is, without guarantee (express or implied).

The author makes no guarantees as to the timeliness of the updates to the **Current Versions** data base.

Reaching the Author

The author, Dana Basken, is a member of many computer services. The primary channels to reach him (aside from U.S. mail) are:

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