

When you start up version 2.0 of MacPaint it will ask you to personalize your copy with your name and a company name.

If you have personalized your copy of MacPaint 2.0 with your name and company name and want to change it you can do so with MacSnoop or FEdit.

If you attempt to make these changes and MacSnoop tells you that it can't open the Data Fork because there are no sectors allocated to it, then the copy of MacPaint has not been personalized.

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FIRST...Make a duplicate copy of MacPaint BEFORE doing any of this file diddling just in case you screw up and trash it.

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Run MacSnoop and open the copy of MacPaint that you want to change.

After it opens, select the menu option in MacSnoop to display the Data Fork. Be very sure you have the Data Fork open and displayed before you do the following...

Select the menu option that allows you to "Set end of file" or SOF. Then you should get a dialog box with 3 options. Choose the option that will "set the end of file to zero and create an empty file".

Caution!!! Be sure you have MacSnoop displaying the Data Fork of MacPaint before you do this!!

This action effectively does away with the Data Fork.

After you've set the end of file to zero quit MacSnoop and reboot your Mac. Rebooting may not really be necessary but I've found that sometimes the disk sector changes won't be totally effective until the Mac is rebooted and the sectors read in again.

Then when you run MacPaint it will stop and ask you to Personalize it.

If you hit the cancel button the program will quit. Otherwise, you can personalize it any way you like.

I've found that the above procedure will also work for MacWrite 5.0, MacDraw II, and Microsoft Word 3.01