

What is CatFinder?

Searching through multiple disks for a specific file or folder is a headache that most Macintosh users have faced at one time or another. CatFinder is a utility that solves this problem and many more by maintaining catalogs of disks on your hard drive. By using CatFinder, you can quickly find which disk contains a desired file and even launch the file from within CatFinder.

CatFinder can generate reports on the files you have scattered across your disks. For example, you can create a report of all the files created with a specific application.

There are other disk cataloging utilities, but CatFinder stands out by providing an intuitive Finder-like interface for browsing its catalogs. The following highlights the functionality provided by CatFinder:

- Catalogs any disk including CD ROMs.
- Provides intuitive interface for browsing catalogs.
- Performs file search based on file name and/or creator.
- Generates disk reports.
- Generates reports from search results.
- Allows reports to be exported to text or tab delimited files.
- Prints diskette labels containing the volume name and optional file list.
- Searches and displays the contents of Stuffit and Compactor Pro archives.
- Under System 7 CatFinder supports sending Finder Events to launch or select files/folders.

If you are running System 7, you can launch applications from CatFinder. When an application is selected for launch, CatFinder will prompt you to insert the disk that contains the file and launches the application. If the disk is already mounted, CatFinder will detect the disk and launch the file directly.

The reporting features of CatFinder are ideal for aiding in the organizing of files on disks. Reports containing the contents of disks can be generated then printed or exported to files. Reports can also be generated from search results. This feature can be used to generate a report of all files created by a specific application.

Note to CD ROM users:

CatFinder's interface makes it easy to browse the contents of your disks quickly without mounting the disk. This is especially useful for CD ROM users. Moving through folders on a CD ROM can be a painful process because of the slow access time of CD ROM drives. CatFinder alleviates this problem by keeping the CD's catalog on your

hard disk. With CatFinder, you can browse the contents of CD's as fast as your hard disk.

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