

System 6.0.7 Finder (6.1.7) Menu Patch:

THIS PATCH IS ONLY TO BE USED WITH SYSTEM 6.0.7!!!

Patches for System 6.0.8, 7.0, 7.0.1, 7.1 should be available in the same archive that you found this patch. If they are not please contact me for a copy.

Introduction:

This patch applies a series of menu commands to the Finder menus.

How often do you wish that items like "Restart" and "Empty Trash" had command keys? For those of you who do not know what command keys are, they are the letters after a menu item. When these letters are selected on the keyboard, in tandem with the command key, they provide the same reaction as when you select an item from the "File" menu for instance. If you do not currently use command keys, learn to use them because, they save time and are very cool! If you already know how to use them, then be prepared to be blown away at the genius of this patch.

Requirements:

This patch requires System 6.0.7 (no exceptions), a Mac Plus or better.

The Patch:

The patch alters the menu resource of the Finder. This does not cause any harm to the file in any way. It is relatively easy to make the changes to the menu resource if you are familiar with ResEdit, but so many people are not, so I did all of the work for you. Adam Stein, the mega cool programmer, has a utility called "System 7 Pack" that does the same thing as this patch and a whole lot more, but it does not support System 6. So this patch is for you System 6 users!

Virus Protection:

This patch cannot work properly while virus detection software is running. Please make sure that you have disabled any virus detectors before applying the patch.

Installation:

1. Open your "System Folder"
2. While holding down the option key, drag the "Finder" somewhere outside the System Folder. This process should make a copy of the file. If you do not see the copy window appear, you are moving the "Finder" not copying it. Also make sure that you copy the "Finder", not "Multifinder". You cannot patch the active "Finder", so make sure you are making a copy of it.
3. Open the patch and select the copy of the "Finder".
4. After the patch has done its thing, drag the original Finder from the "System Folder" into the Trash Can. Do not select empty trash from the Special menu, because it won't let you delete the active Finder. Drag the patched Finder to the "System Folder".
5. Choose "Restart" from the "Special" Menu.
6. When the Mac is done restarting you should have menu commands galore!

If you have any problems with this installation process, don't hesitate to drop me a line.

Command Additions:

File Menu

Print

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Put Away Y
Page Setup B
Print Desktop [

Edit Menu

Show Clipboard]

View Menu

by Small Icon 1
by Icon 2
by Name 3
by Date 4
by Size 5
by Kind 6

Special Menu

Clean Up U
Empty Trash T
Restart R
Shut Down S

and for PowerBook Users...

Sleep

Q

Compatibility:

This patch was tested on an original copy of Finder 6.1.7. The patched "Finder" was tested on a Mac SE with no problems so far.

If any problems arise on any other Macintosh models and you believe it to be a direct result of this patch, please contact me.

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Fee:

This patch is E-mail-ware. Drop me a line and tell me what you think. Otherwise, there is no fee, but please do smile!

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