Productivity Tools: Copy in the Background with COPYright Pro

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I recently had an opportunity to try a program called COPYright Pro. Developed and marketed by CSG Technologies, a division of Management Science Associates, Inc., COPYright Pro makes it possible to perform tasks in the Finder while copying files in the background.

COPYright Pro is a combination control panel and application. The control panel monitors your Mac's activity. When you copy files by dragging them from one window to another in the Finder, the control panel launches the application. The application then takes over copying duties, leaving the Finder free to perform other tasks. No more waiting!

A neat thing about COPYright Pro is that it enables you to copy multiple groups of files to multiple locations at the same time. The copy progress dialog box simply expands to display progress for each group of files.

COPYright Pro also has a copy scheduling feature that makes it possible to copy files or folders full of files at predetermined times. A filters option lets you select the files to copy based on name, type, creator, size, modification date, or creation date. I've used the scheduling feature successfully to back up a folder full of documents each day.

I've been trying out quite a few utilities lately. Most of them last no longer than a few hours on my Mac. But COPYright Pro is one product that has remained on my Mac for months. It helps increase my productivity by enabling me to do more at once. It is something I've come to depend upon.

COPYright Pro requires System 7. For more information about COPYright Pro, contact CSG Technologies at 800/366-4622. Tell them I sent you!

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