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SYNFILE+ UTILITIES DOCUMENTATION

Enclosed is the SynFile+ utilities disk. To use this disk, boot it with no cartridges (800XL owners press OPTION) . The DOS contained on this disk is MACH DOS, for which we do not have documentation.

Unlike DOS 2, you needn't press RETURN after making a selection from the MACH DOS menus. For instance, for a directory listing, press A then return once. The three SynFile+ utility files are:

- ** SYNCOPY
- ** FMTOSYN
- ** SYNCHECK

LOADING INSTRUCTIONS:

To load any of these machine language programs, from the DOS menu press L (don't press Return), then enter the name of the program to run, then press Return.

SYNCOPY

Syncopy is a simple sector copier for backing up your data disks--it's much faster and easier than using SynFile+'s COPY function. Load Syncopy, then insert your data disk in Drive 1. Move the cursor with the arrow keys to Drive 1 or Drive 2 to indicate which drive holds the destination or duplicate disk. Drive 1 always holds the original or source disk. If you have one drive, leave the cursor on Drive 1 and press Return. Syncopy prompts you when you need to swap disks if using one drive. It's always a good idea to place a write-protect tab over the notch in your data disk before copying it to prevent accidental erasure.

Next you're asked for density--single, double or 1050. Use the same density used for your data disks. If using more than one drive, they should both be capable of handling the density if it is double or 1050. After you choose density, Syncopy will begin to create a copy of your original disk. Syncopy always formats the target disk.

FMTOSYN

This program converts data files from FileManager+ format directly to SynFile+ format. Fmtosyn can use one or two drives, but if one drive is used, source and destination files must reside on the same disk. If you need to convert large FileManager+ files, you may need to create smaller subfiles first. Of course, back up your FileManager+ data disks before attempting this conversion.



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When the program starts, you're prompted for source and destination drive numbers. The default for both is Drive 1. Just press Return, or enter your choice. Next, you're prompted for the name of the data disk to convert. Place your FileManager+ disk in the source drive. Enter the name of the file if you know it, or enter "*" for a directory listing of FileManager+ files from the disk, or "?" for a list of all files on the disk. After you enter the name of the file to convert, the conversion program goes to work and converts your files. If the source and destination disks are the same (one drive system), you might then wish to use DOS to remove the old FileManager+ files from the disk, or copy the new Synfile+ files onto another disk to leave as much available space as possible on the disk for SynFile+ to use. You need to retain three files; those with the extensions .TBL, .CNF, and .D01. The index file (.NDX) is created when you first load the converted file into SynFile+ and must index.

SYNCHECK

This program, intended for advanced users, simply reads your SynFile+ file and prints a list of system characteristics to the screen. Among these are number of records, number of disks in the file, and so on. Follow the prompts. There is no provision for editing system characteristics.

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