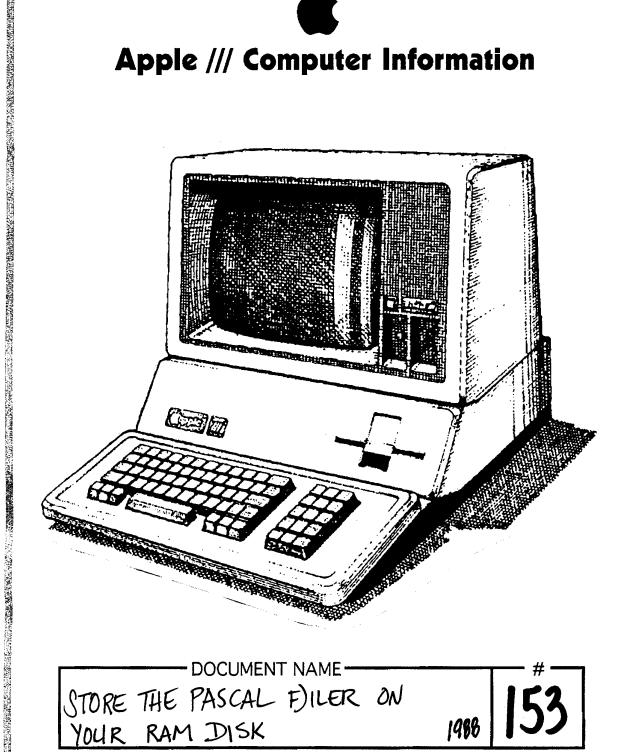
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Pascal Filer on RAM disk





- DOCUMENT NAME -STORE THE PASCAL F)ILER ON YOUR RAM DISK

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Here's the scoop on patching SYSTEM.PASCAL to look on the ram disk for System Utilities when you press F) iler at the Pascal command line. Run your favorite disk block editor (I use the Dan Wade Tau disk) and change the Pascal device number from the normal system disk device number to the device number of your Ramdisk. The place is on block 26, page 1. Use the regular F) iler to tell you what devices are what pascal numbers with the command, V)ols, at the F)iler command line. It is different depending on your 11 driver configuration, so only use my examples for illustration. I run Pascal out of my A143 which is .D3 and, as it turns out for my driver config, pascal unit #4. My ramdisk is #9. Make the substitution to let SYSTEM.FILER come from 14 15 unit 9. I copied the System Utilities' SYSTEM.STARTUP file onto my .D3 as UTIL.CODE for the example below. The original F)iler is still named 17 SYSTEM.FILER on the Pascal System disk.

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Now when you boot up the modified SYSTEM.PASCAL, define a Power Key 123 key to be "X.D3/SYSTEM.FILER.<T.D3/UTIL.CODE<.RAM/SYSTEM.FILER". It runs F)iler, and transfers system utilities onto ram disk as SYSTEM.FILER. You Q)uit from F) iler and from then on in the session pressing F) iler from the Pascal command line will snap System Utilities on-line.

25 It is important to load your PK file immediately upon booting and press the 123 key defined as above before selecting F) iler from the command line. If you forget, Pascal looks out on the RAM disk (due to the patch), doesn't find 28 SYSTEM.FILER, looks back to the System disk and finds it there (the original F)iler) and remembers that for the rest of the session. 29

31 Happy Filing!.....Dan Martin

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P.S. The "<" above in the power key definition mans carriage return.