

## MAC LESSON #120

### MAINTAIN YOUR HARD DRIVE

Over a period of time your hard drive may tend to get sloppy. File system consistency degrades over a period of time and needs to be brought back into line. The best way to do that is to use a repair utility included with your Mac OS X 10.3 and 10.4 called FSCK, which stands for File System Consistency Checker and Interactive Repair. It does a great job of keeping things in order on your hard drive.

Start by booting into Single User Mode by holding down both the Command (Apple) key and the letter S key until our screen turns black and text begins to appear on the screen. Note here that the Single User Mode doesn't have a graphical user interface, so the system will wait for you to type a command.

Type FSCK -F and then press the Return key. The system will proceed to run a comprehensive file directory check, repairing problems it encounters. If it does find errors, you should run the program again and again until no errors are detected and fixed.

