

TechTales - Keeping your MAC Happy!

This maintenance procedure should be performed monthly or as needed, to fix computer problems i.e. unexpected quits, slowness, freezing, etc. This is a **18 or 11*** step procedure. You must complete **all** the steps in **order**. While this is a low risk procedure, it's always best to **backup your hard drive** before you start! Please check www.help4me.com for latest update periodically.

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Disk Utility - First Aid -> Repairs Hard Disk (OS X 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6)

*The Disk Utility with 10.4 or 10.5 can now verify the hard drive while running from the startup drive, but it cannot make repairs. If you need to repair the hard drive you must start at step 1. If 10.4 or 10.5 is on your computer read steps 1-7 and then start at step **8 (bold)**. After step **10** click on **“Verify”** in the lower right corner first and then if the hard drive is okay (**No Red**) then complete steps **11** through **18**.

To repair (all versions) or to verify (10.3) your Hard Drive you must restart your computer on your #1 OS X CD or DVD

1. Insert your #1 OS X CD/DVD (came with your computer) and restart computer.
2. Holding the **“C”** key down until you see the spinning cursor to start the CD/DVD.
The Installer will launch automatically. Do not continue with installer.
3. OS 10.3 >Menu >Installer >Disk Utility...
OS 10.4 or 10.5 >Select Language >Click Arrow >Menu >Utilities >Disk Utility...
4. Click on your hard drive's icon under the First Aid tab.
5. Click on **“Repair Disk”** >repeat until clean (**No Red**).
6. Menu >Disk Utility >Quit Disk Utility, Menu >Installer >Quit Installer.
7. Click on Quit to restart your computer.

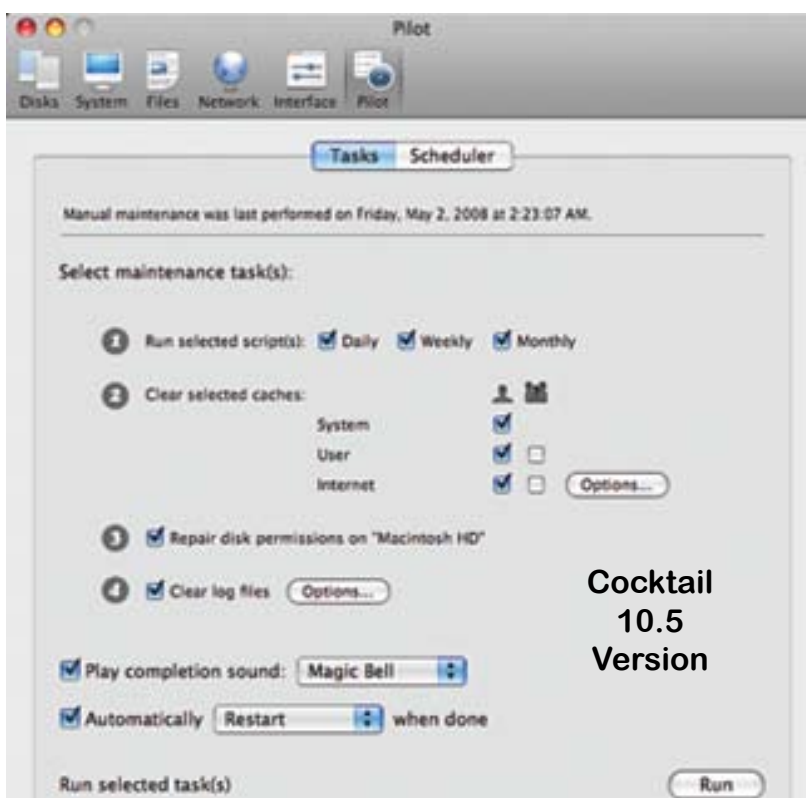


Disk Utility - First Aid - Repairs Permissions

Disk Utility must be run from the hard drive you want to “Repair Permissions” on. If you just restarted your computer, eject the CD/DVD.

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8. Menu >GO >Utilities or Applications >double click on “Utilities” folder.
9. Double click the application “Disk Utility”.
10. Click on your hard drive icon (click on First Aid tab).
11. Click on “**Repair Permissions**”. Run repair at least *twice*.
Run until list of problems is short or “Permissions repair complete”.
12. Menu >Disk Utility >“Quit Disk Utility”.



Cocktail - Auto Pilot - System Tune-up & Maintenance

Download at <http://www.macosexcocktail.com> - Please buy a license.
Cocktail comes in versions for 10.3-10.6. Download the **correct** version.
Install by dragging “Cocktail” to your Applications Folder.

13. Menu >GO >Applications.
14. Double click the application “**Cocktail**” and enter your Administrative Password.
15. Close the startup window in “**Cocktail**”, if present.
16. Click on “**Pilot**”.
17. Click on “**Do Nothing**” in the pop-up menu and change to “**Restart**” or in the 10.4 & 10,5 version, check “**Automatically**” and change pop-up to “**Restart**”.
You can play a completion sound if desired.
18. Click on “**Run**” (lower right). Computer will restart by itself in about 3-5 minutes.

Your done! When the computer restarts “**Cocktail**” will disappear and your back to work (or fun).