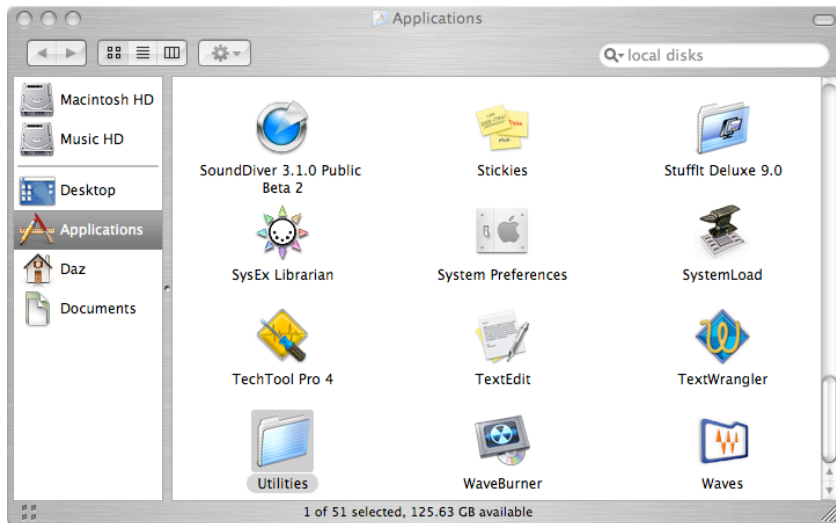# Repairing Permissions on Mac OS X 10.3.x

Introduction

Regularly repairing permissions on your Mac OS X boot drive is an essential maintenance task and one of the first things to try if you are experiencing strange behavior with your Mac.

Finding the Disk Utility

Before getting started you need to find the Mac OS X Disk Utility. In the Finder navigate to the Application's folder.
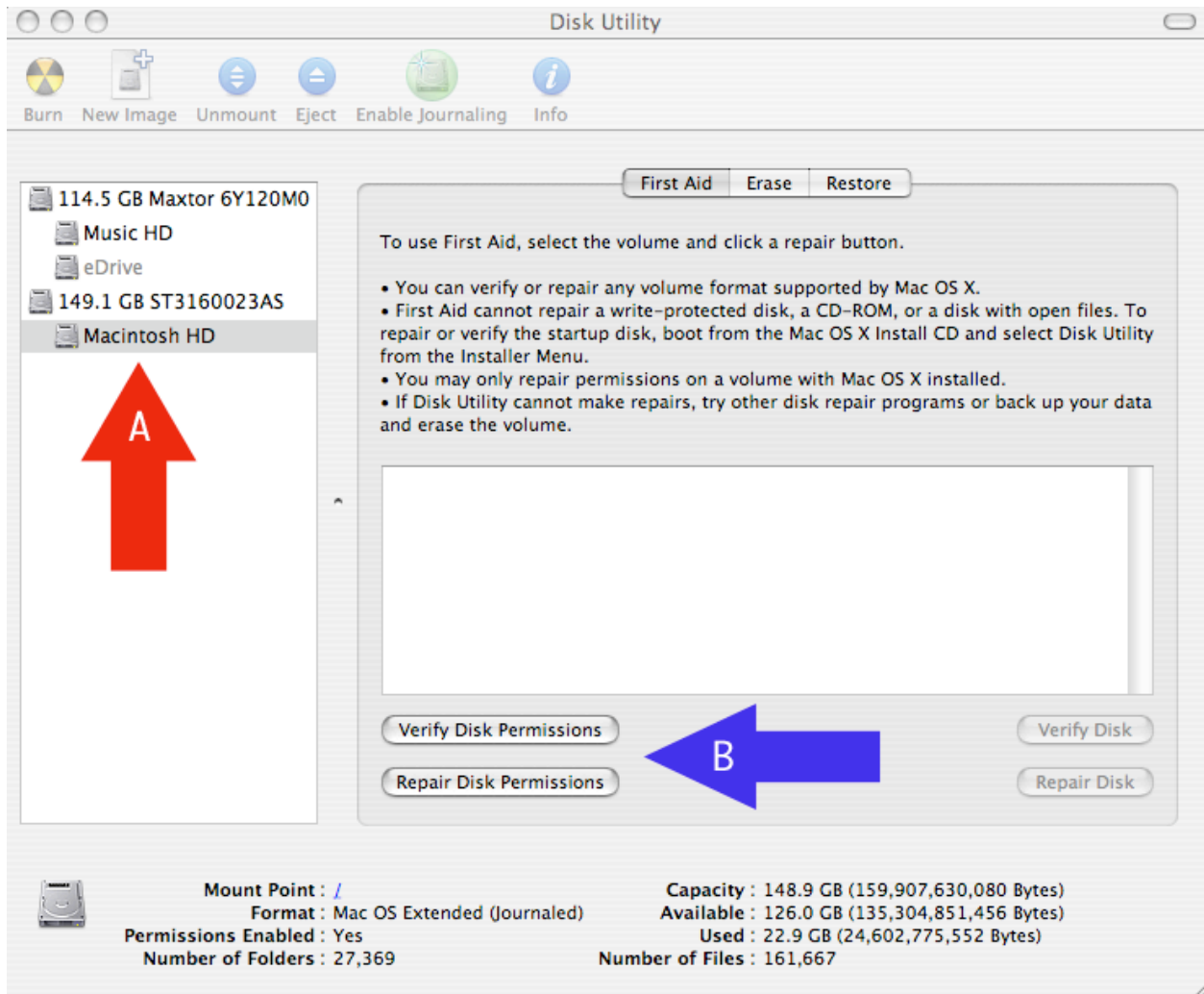

There you will see a sub-folder named **Utilities**.

In the **Utilities** folder you will see the icon for the **Disk Utility**.

Using Disk Utility to Repair Permissions

When you start the Disk Utility application you will see something similar to the screenshot below. Repairing disk permissions is a simple two step process.

A) Select the disk partition where Mac OS X is installed. This is generally called '*Macintosh HD*'

B) Click the **Repair Disk Permissions** button to start the repair process.

While the process is running you will see details of any repairs that took place in the display area in the center of the screen. When the display indicates that the process is complete you can quit Disk Utility.