

How to...

REPAIR DISK PERMISSIONS

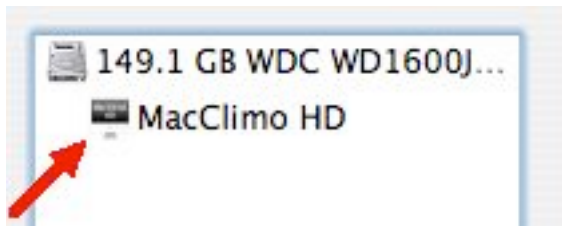
If your computer is not behaving properly it's likely that the disk permissions need to be repaired. This is a basic 'housekeeping' task which fixes file or application user permissions which may have been damaged, and it is advisable to do this regularly.

Signs that repairing is necessary may be:

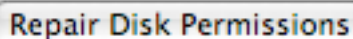
- computer appears to be running slowly
- spinning 'beach ball' sometimes appears
- desktop icons appear slowly, or have an unusual look

To Repair:

1. Open the Disk Utility application: it's in Applications/Utilities. A shortcut from Finder to get to the Utilities folder is to type Shift+Command+U.
2. Click on your Hard Disk icon (not the computer's drive icon) - this is your 'volume' on the HD:



3. In the First Aid panel, click Repair Disk Permissions:

A button with the text 'Repair Disk Permissions' in a blue font, set against a light gray background with a subtle gradient and rounded corners.

This process may take some time, depending on the amount of data and the number of applications on your hard drive, but when it is finished you'll be given a list of permissions which have been found to be faulty and have been repaired.

It's also a good idea to repair disk permissions both before and after performing a system upgrade, or installing new software.