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MFS The *Macintosh Filesystem (MFS)* was used by the earliest Macintoshes. It's almost never used on anything but 400KB floppy disks, which are extremely rare today. Linux does not include MFS support.

HFS The *Hierarchical Filesystem (HFS)* was the replacement for MFS. Used on 800KB and larger floppy disks and all Macintosh hard disks until 1998, HFS is quite common in the Macintosh world.

HFS+ The follow-on to HFS borrows many features from Unix-style filesystems, but it stops short of adding a journal. New Macintoshes invariably ship with their disks formatted for HFS+, but this filesystem is not used much on removable media.

FFS MacOS X provides the option to use the Unix Fast Filesystem (FFS), which is described in the next section. Many MacOS X systems continue to use HFS+, though.