How to verify and repair Mac OS X Disk Permissions

This guide will help you to verify and repair disk permissions, keeping your Mac healthy.
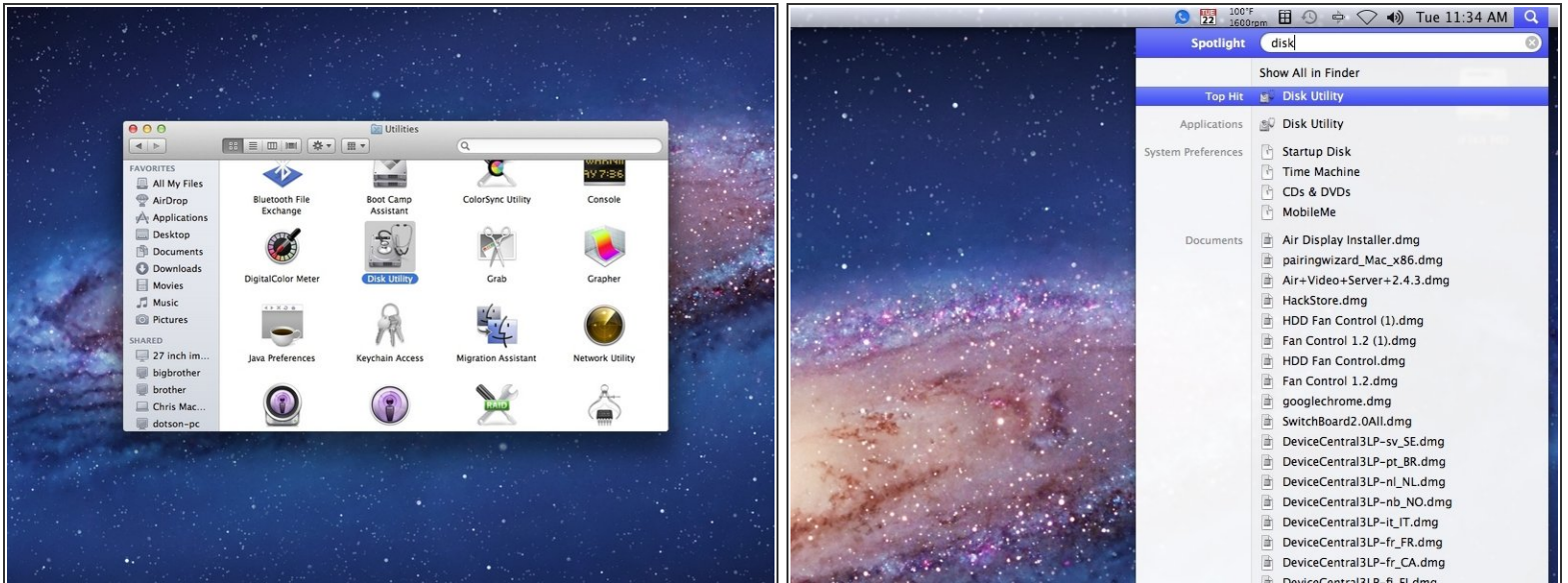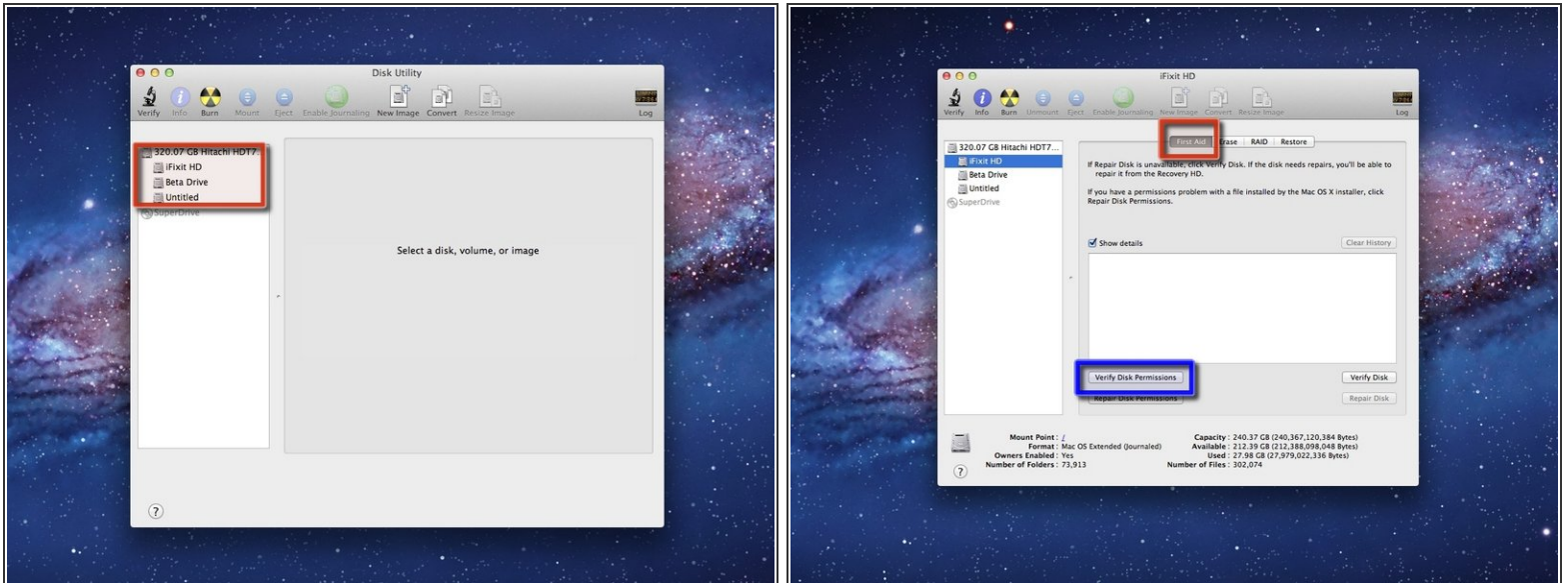
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INTRODUCTION

If your mac is having trouble recognizing a replacement battery or other components, you may need to repair your main disk permissions. Follow this guide as a first step in troubleshooting.

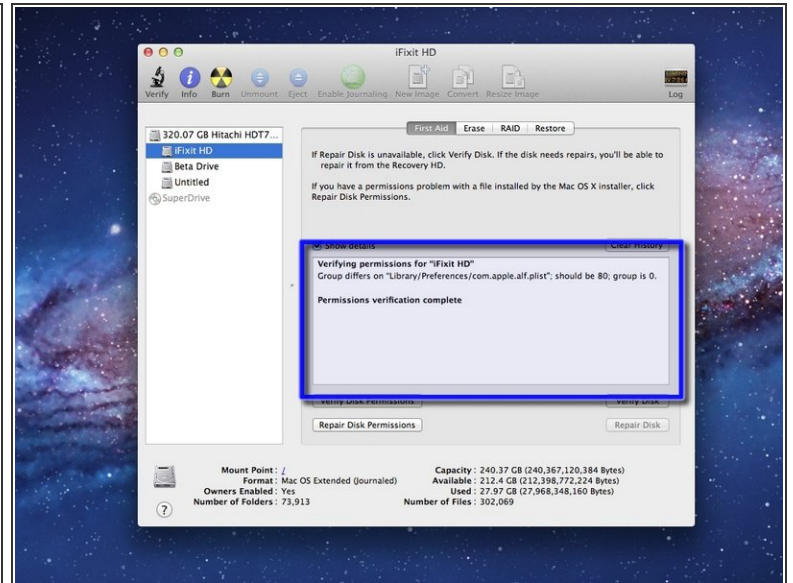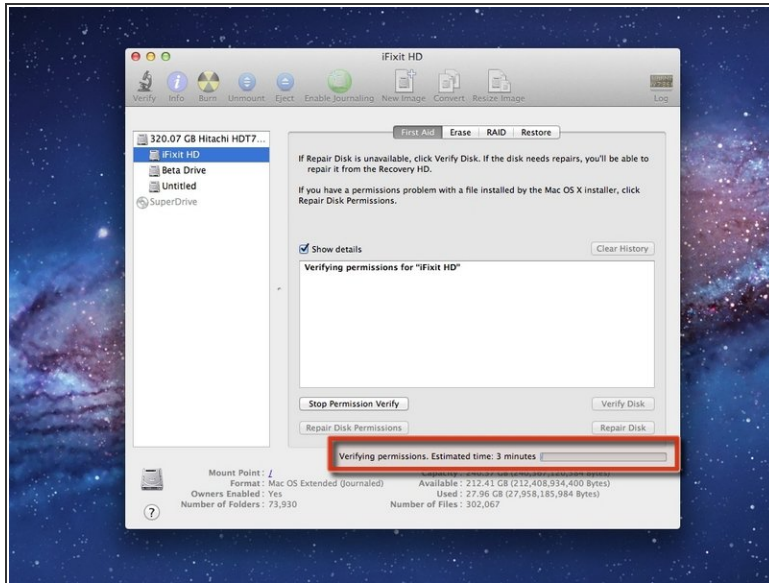## Step 1 — How to verify and repair Mac OS X Disk Permissions

- You will want to first open Disk Utilities, which can be found in the Applications folder under Utilities
  - Or you can take the shortcut and use Spotlight!

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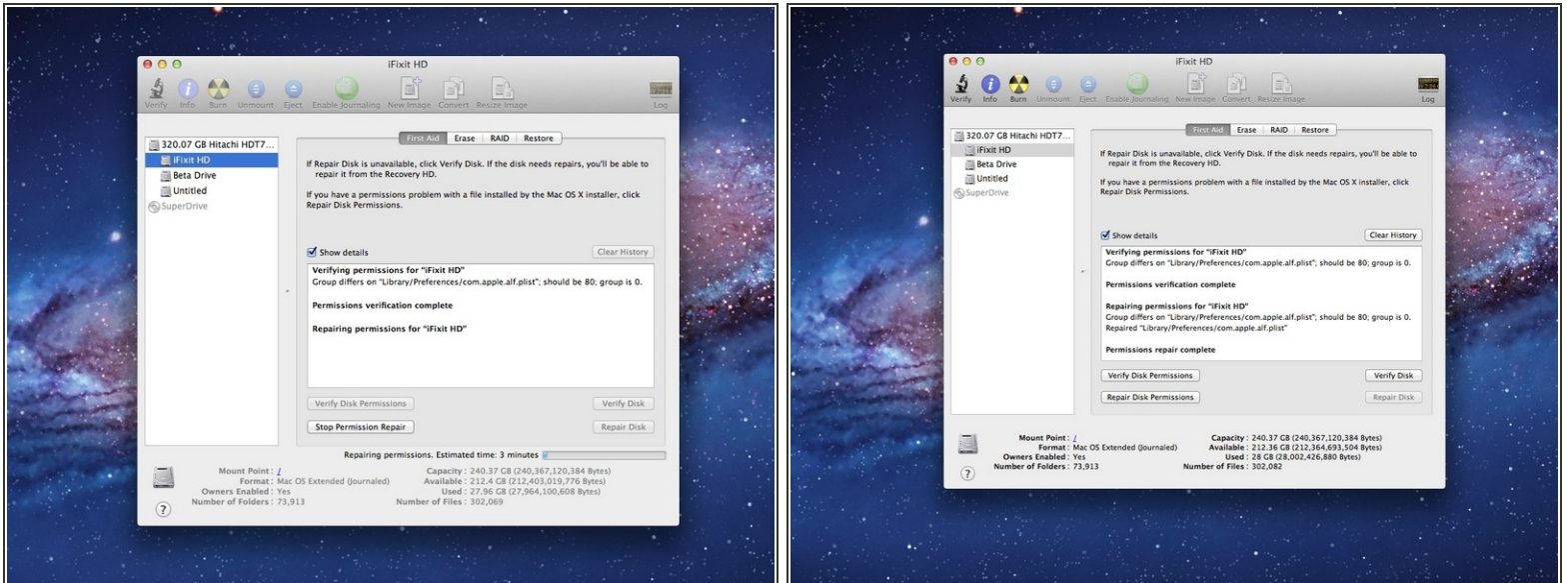
Step 2

- Once opened, you should be presented with a window that looks like this.

  - You will want to select the name of your Mac OS X Startup disk in the left column.

- After clicking on the name of your Hard drive, you will be presented with a few different options at the top.

  - The First Aid heading is what you will want to be under.

- Click on the Verify Disk Permissions, starting the process.

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Step 3

- This usually will take anywhere from 3 minutes to 15 minutes. The best thing to do is to wait.

- As time progresses, you will see information pop up in the window highlighted.
  - This is good, it means that it is seeing the problems that may be keeping your computer from running well.

Step 4

- After verifying the disk permissions, go ahead and select repair disk permissions to start that process.

- During that time, which again should take anywhere from 3-10 minutes, feel free to get up, walk around for a few minutes, or go pet a cat.

Congrats! You successfully repaired your disk permissions!