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Mail List Manager (Apple Writer III, versions 1.0 and 1.1) doesn't physically remove 'deleted' records from the MLMDATA file--it simply stops 'seeing' them. For instance, say you have seven records in your MLMDATA file:

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
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Then, you delete records 3 and 5; those records are still there, but they can no longer be seen. The list now looks like this:

1  
2  
3 (invisible)  
4  
5 (invisible)  
6  
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A problem arises, however, if you try to convert this MLMDATA file to an Apple Writer III file using the Apple Writer III Utilities conversion program. Since Mail List Manager knows about five remaining records, it tells Utilities to convert five records--and so Utilities converts the first five records, including the two 'deleted' ones. Records 6 and 7 are ignored.

A way around the problem:

When ready to convert to Apple Writer III

1. Merge Mailing List to another diskette (this will get rid of the deleted records).

2. Convert to Apple Writer III file with Apple Writer III Utilities.

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