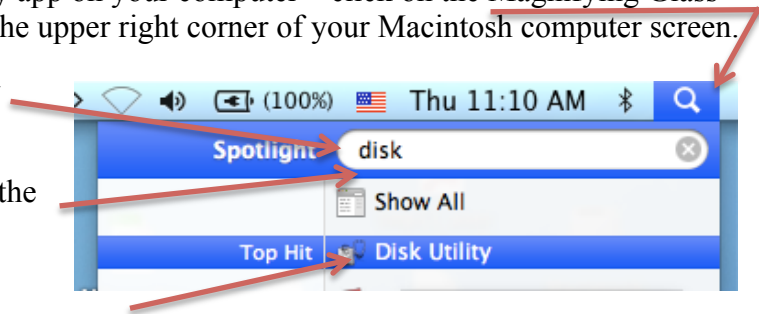


## Disk Utility (Repair Disk Permissions) EZ Maintenance Procedure for Macintosh Computers

Macintosh computers have a simple maintenance procedure that can be run periodically to help improve the computer's performance. This procedure uses an application (app) called **Disk Utility**. The actual procedure is known as **“repairing disk permissions”**.

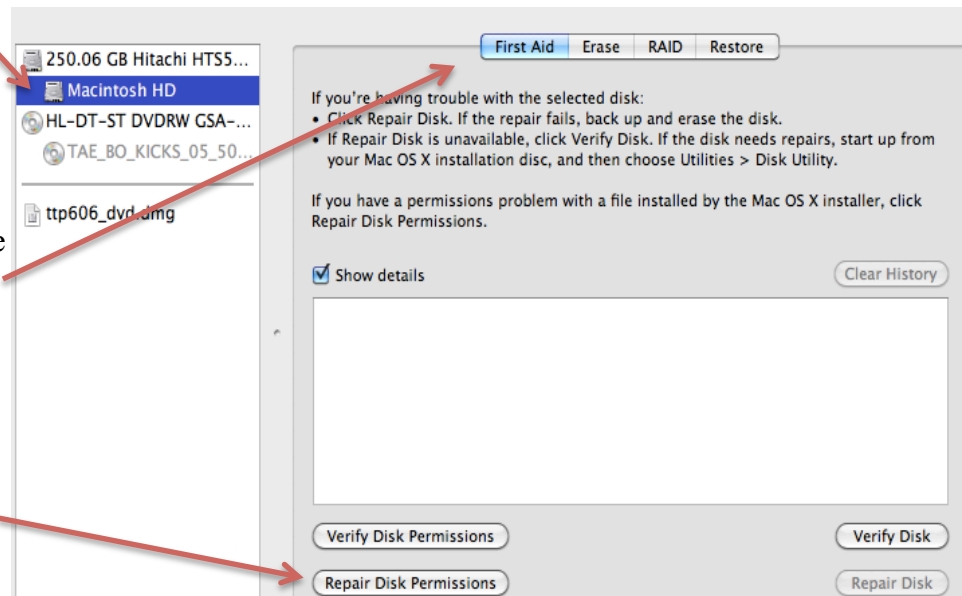
### To run this procedure:

- First, locate to the Disk Utility app on your computer – click on the Magnifying Glass icon (known as Spotlight) in the upper right corner of your Macintosh computer screen.
- A text field will appear below Spotlight.
- Start typing “Disk Utility” in the Text field.
- As you type “Disk Utility”, note that a list of items relative to “Disk” will begin to appear below the Spotlight text field. Double-click on “Disk Utility” beside the “Top Hit” to launch the Disk Utility app.



### Once the Disk Utility app opens:

1. Click ONCE on the Hard Drive icon to select it. (your specific hard drive might be labeled differently than the one shown here)
2. Click ONCE to make sure “First Aid” is selected (if it isn't already)
3. Click ONCE on the button labeled “Repair Disk Permissions” to begin the procedure.



The Disk Utility procedure may run as little as 3-4 minutes, or as much as 25-30 minutes, depending on what it finds. A “status bar” will appear below the window to show you how much longer it has to run. Once completed, you may quit Disk Utility and continue your normal work.