- 1. Click on the **Applications** folder, then the **Utilities** folder and choose **Disk Utility**.
- 2. Select the USB/SD drive you want to erase from the list in the left panel.



3. Click the **Erase** category button on the top of the right panel.



4. Click the Security Option button.



5. Select "7-Pass Erase" for Secure Erase Options:



- 6. Click **OK** once selected.
- 7. Click Erase. Do not click "Erase Free Space" as this will not remove any data from the USB/SD device.
- 8. At the confirmation window, click **Erase** to start the erasure process.

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EV	Erasing a volume will destroy all information on the volume. It will not erase information on other volumes on the same disk.
	Are you sure you wish to erase the volume "Macintosh HD"?
	Cancel

9. A progress bar will appear in the lower right corner of the Disk Utility window with an estimated time for the erase process to complete. This may be several hours.

Secure Erase. Pass 1 of 7. Estimated time: 9 hours	

- 10. When erasure is finished, click the **Disk Utility** menu at the top, and choose **Quit Disk Utility**.
- 11. The USB/SD device should now be erased and ready for new use.