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Apple II Setup and GS/OS: Compatible Versions

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TOPIC -----

I installed the software from the Apple II Setup 2.1.1 disk (680-5060-B) on top of Apple II Setup 2.0.1. I did the other setup steps and tried to start up an Apple IIGS from the server. A GS/OS-specific file could not be found, and I got an error \$0046.

I went back to Apple II Setup 2.0.1, and all was well.

Can you explain?

DISCUSSION -----

The \$0046 error is a "file not found" error. This error normally occurs because part of GS/OS is not on the startup disk--in this case, the server. For the server to have a working GS/OS system to start up the Apple IIGS, the GS/OS Installer needs to be run from an Apple IIGS that is logged on to the server. Then you install the desired GS/OS configuration on the server volume. We believe that this is what is meant by "did the other setup steps".

If we are correct, it is most likely that an older version of the 16-bit operating system is on the server. The 2.1.1 version was a release specifically for version 5.0.2 of GS/OS. If version 2.1.1 was installed while ProDOS 16 (System Disk 3.2 or earlier) is used on the server, there will be a problem with versions being matched correctly. Version 2.0.1 was designed to work with ProDOS 16, the predecessor to GS/OS. The files used on version 2.0.1 are quite different from the files used with 2.1.1.

We suggest that you use version 2.1.1 of the Apple II Setup Installer with a server having GS/OS 5.0.2 installed. Use version 2.0.1 on servers providing the earlier ProDOS 16 system files, which are found on System Disk 3.2 and earlier.

Also note that GS/OS 5.0 provided a version of Apple II Setup labelled "2.1." This version should be used only with GS/OS 5.0. However, the best solution is to use GS/OS 5.0.2 and Apple II Setup 2.1.1.

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