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AppleTalk: Network Manager Status Program

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TOPIC -----

Do you know of any product that updates software installed on local workstations through the network? This should act somewhat like Responder and Inter-Poll except that the workstation software can actually be updated. Also, the program should be able to do an analysis on each workstation and summarize the results in report form.

For example:

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System 1: (ZONE: Finance)
          MS Word      ver 3.01
          MacWrite     ver 1.1
          Finder       ver 6.0.5
          LaserWriter  ver 6.0.1  ...etc..
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System 2: (ZONE: Sales)
          MS Word      ver 4.0b
          MacWrite     ver 1.0
          Finder       ver 3.2
          LaserWriter  ver 4.1  ...etc..
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System n (ZONE: Engineering)
          MS Word      ver 3.01
          MacWrite     ver 1.1
          Finder       ver 6.0.5
          LaserWriter  ver 6.0.1  ...etc..
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Summary:

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2  MS Word  ver 3.01
1  MS Word  ver 4.0b
2  MacWrite ver 1.1
2  Finder   ver 6.0.5
```

DISCUSSION -----

We don't know of a package that does updates, but there is a package to be released in July, 1990 from Pharos called System Status Mac. It acts like Inter-Poll and investigates workstations on the network, responding with the version numbers of software. The System Manager can then compile the results and advise users when upgrades are available.

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