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MAE: Install From Tape (7/94)

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TOPIC -----

Is it possible to copy the Macintosh Application Environment (MAE) Installer and software to tape and still have it work? We don't have many CD-ROM drives at our site, and we would like to convert the software to tape format for easier installation.

DISCUSSION -----

No, you cannot copy MAE software to tape and then install it from tape directly. Here are two ways to install MAE when there are a few CD-ROM drives available:

- Copy the MAE Trial CD file system to a shared (NFS) directory, and then install it from there. Each user can install MAE to a local directory, and run it.
- Your other possibility would be to tar the whole CD to tape (about 40 to 60 MB), copy it back to each workstation you want to run it on, and then run the installer locally on each workstation.

Remember, you do not have to install multiple copies of the purchased MAE product, if you have multiple licenses. You can install MAE on an NFS server, and have users run it from those binaries. MAE will then build a system folder in each user's home directory. One problem with this solution is you will see some slow down using the binaries via NFS.

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