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MacWrite II 1.1v3 and Earlier: Font Error Messages (9/94)

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TOPIC -----

I often run into documents that have many fonts, and upon opening the document I receive error messages saying that the font isn't present in my Fonts folder. However, the fonts requested are present in the Fonts folder.

I removed some fonts from the Fonts folder, and it seems like some have conflicts with others. For instance, N. Helvetica Narrow, that ships with the new Apple Font Pack, seems to cause printing problems with documents using regular Helvetica in MacWrite II 1.1v3. When I remove N. Helvetica Narrow, the problem goes away.

DISCUSSION -----

The problem has nothing to do with the particular fonts installed. It has to do with the way MacWrite II 1.1v3 looks for the fonts specified in a document. MacWrite looks for fonts based on FONT IDs instead of by name, as recommended. FONT resource IDs are routinely renumbered when installed, if there's any conflict with an existing FONT resource. Therefore there's no guarantee what ID any particular resource will have. This problem became more pronounced with the introduction of the Apple Font Pack, since customers started installing additional fonts.

MacWrite II 1.1v5 fixes this problem. Contact Claris Corp. for update information.

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