

System 7.1: ! In File Name When Copying to DOS (11/94)

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TOPIC -----

Our customer has a Quadra 950 running System 7.1, with an external CD-ROM drive attached. He also has a DOS machine with a Farallon PhoneNET PC card connected to the Quadra 950.

When he logs onto the Quadra 950's shared CD-ROM drive from the DOS machine and copies files from the CD to the DOS machine, the file names are preceded with an exclamation mark "!".

DISCUSSION -----

The ISO 9660 standard defines a filename format that includes a version number. DOS file formats do not use this version number and limit the filename to the 8.3 (xxxxxxxxx) format. AppleShare passes these version numbers along to the DOS machine, which cause the name to be longer than the 8.3 format. This causes the complete filename to be truncated, and an exclamation point prefixed to the name.

Your customer can upgrade to CD-ROM Setup version 5.0. Since the majority of applications don't require strict adherence to the ISO 9660 filename format specification, CD-ROM Setup version 5.0 stopped passing file version numbers, thus preserving the filename length.

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