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System 7.5: Extra Items Installed with Easy Install (2/95)

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TOPIC -----

I would like to know why when installing System 7.5 and selecting "for this Macintosh," I get files for other Macintosh computers as well. It appears that software "for any (every ?) Macintosh" gets loaded rather than what should for just my Macintosh. This causes me a lot of extra work in cleaning up after the Installer. I am also concerned about having users perform installations over the network as they have a variety of machines, and I do not want to visit them all or walk them through which files to keep or to throw away.

DISCUSSION -----

We are aware of this situation occurring via the "Custom Install" option in the System 7.5 Installer. The problem is that a top level check box item (the one that has a triangle to the left of it) installs items for all machines, regardless of whether the user has already selected a secondary checkbox item for a specific Macintosh.

Oftentimes, a user "instinctively" makes the following selections:

- System Software for this Macintosh only
- Apple Menu Options
- Control Panels

The Installer interprets these requests as "System Software for this Macintosh only" plus "All Apple Menu Items" plus "All Control Panels." This situation can be avoided by clicking on the triangles next to the top level check boxes to reveal the second level check box items. It is at this point (the second level) where a user should specify which items should be installed.

For this particular scenario, note the following:

- Selecting "System Software for this Macintosh only" by itself achieves the desired result.
- Performing an "Easy Install" is much easier. It is the recommended way to install the needed System software, and not install any unnecessary System software.

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