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Installer: Doesn't Replace Corrupt Files (4/93)

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TOPIC -----

If I reinstall system software (using the System disks) over an existing System (with the same version as the one on the Installation disk), will the Installer overwrite/replace the existing software?

DISCUSSION -----

No, the Installer will not overwrite software with the same version number as is on the Installer. This means the Installer cannot be used to replace a corrupt file unless the corrupt file is first thrown away.

The Installer does not check for corruption or change in a file. Installer scripts vary, but in general an Installer will not replace a file if that same file exists on the Installation disk and is a like version.

This also applies to system software that has been modified by utilities such as ResEdit. The Installer will look at the modified system files, see that it is the same version as on the Installation disk and will leave the information unaltered.

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