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Apple Installer: Obtaining It and Third-Party Software (8/93)

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TOPIC -----

How do I get the Apple Installer? Does the Apple Installer do compression?

DISCUSSION -----

Where to Get the Apple Installer -----

Installer 3.4 was released for compatibility with System 7.1. It's available on the Developer CDs prior to April 1993.

The internationalized versions of Installer 3.4 are included with the localized versions of system software 7.1. They're available on the Developer CD; the only real difference between them and the English versions is in the text. The Installer will be on the first disk once you uncompress the software, and you can then write a script to run on that localized version of the Installer. The languages now available in 7.1 are Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Swedish. For any other languages, you will need to use the Installer 3.2, found with the localized versions of System 7.0. (Installer 3.3 was never localized.)

If you ship the Installer with your product, you will need to license it through Software Licensing.

Important: For most developers who are using v3.2/3.3, there should be little revision required. For users of Installer v3.2, the file and creator type becomes the same as for Installer v3.3 -- 'bbkr'. Developers who are installing font resources will need to pay close attention to the Installer 3.4 Release Notes. Under System 7.1, fonts are now installed to the Fonts folder. Testing is recommended for all upgrades to Installer v3.4.

Apple installer Doesn't Do Compression, Third-Party Products Do -----

In its current implementation, the Installer doesn't have compaction and disk segmentation capabilities. A suggestion has been made to the

Installer team to implement such functionality. Until such time as the feature is implemented, we suggest using third-party products such as provided by the developers listed below:

- Aladdin Software (makers of Stuffit)
- Glen Canyon Software (a custom Installer developer)
- MindVision (makers of compression software)
- Cyclos (makers of Compactor Pro)
- StepUp Software

Please note that there are other companies in addition to those listed above. You should ask around for other recommendations.
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