System 7.5: Wastebasket Will Not Hold Label Color (6/95)

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TOPIC ---

I have a problem getting the Wastebasket to stay a different color with the UK
version of System 7.5. While in the Finder, I select the Wastebasket Icon, and
pick a color from the "Label" menu. After I restart, the Wastebasket goes back
to normal. Why?

DISCUSSION --

This issue is related to the naming of the Wastebasket. The Macintosh operating
system was originally designed using "Trash" as the name of the wastebasket.
There are parts of the operating system, such as the Finder's "Label" function,
that rely on the Wastebasket being named "Trash".

This problem could occur with any localized version of the operating system
that changes the name of the trash. The British (UK) version is just one
example.

Try one of the following workarounds:

• 1. AN APPLESCRIPT IN THE STARTUP ITEMS FOLDER

Place an AppleScript application in the "Startup Items" folder. This could be
used to set the Wastebasket to a specific color each time the system is started.
 A customer can create this script themselves, using the Script Editor. To do
this, try the following steps:

.   - Launch AppleScript's Script Editor.
.   - Click on the "Record" button.
.   - Switch to the Finder.
.   - Click on the Wastebasket.
.   - Choose a label from the "Label" menu in the Finder.
.   - Switch to the Script Editor.
.   - Click on the "Stop" button.

• 2. TEMPORARILY REPLACE THE FINDER (AN UNSUPPORTED WORK-AROUND)

If the Wastebasket is named "Trash" the Finder will correctly save the label
that the user selects for the Wastebasket. There are two ways that the user
could force the Finder to refer to the Wastebasket as Trash.

. - First, the user could replace the UK version of the Finder with a copy of
the US Finder. If this is done, the user should be sure to keep a backup copy
of the UK version of the Finder.

. - Second, the user could use ResEdit to modify a copy of the UK version of
the Finder. Apple does not recommend that customers use ResEdit to modify their
systems. However, I wanted to make sure you were aware of all the possible
workarounds.

.   - Using ResEdit, open a backup copy of the UK Finder.
.   - Open the "STR#" icon.
.   - Open STR# resource number 11750.
.   - Change the first item from "Wastebasket" to "Trash".
.   - Save the changes and quit ResEdit.

Once the user has located a copy of the US Finder (or modified a UK Finder), he
can use the following steps to change the Wastebasket's label:

. - Move the original UK Finder out of the System Folder.
. - Copy the US Finder (or the modified UK Finder) into the System Folder.
. - Restart the Macintosh.
. - Select the Trash. Choose a new label from the "Label" menu.

By performing the steps above, the system will behave as expected: the
Macintosh will remember the correct label setting for the Trash. To return the
customer's System Folder to the correct, supported configuration, the customer
should also perform the following steps:

. - Remove the US Finder (or the modified UK Finder) out of the System Folder.
. - Move the original UK Finder back into the System Folder.
. - Restart the Macintosh.

By performing the steps listed above, the Macintosh will once again refer to the
Trash as "Wastebasket". The system software will remember the last "label"
chosen for the Trash.

For example, if the customer uses the US Finder to change the Trash to the
"Essential" label, the Wastebasket will remain labelled "Essential" once the
original UK Finder is returned to the System Folder. If the customer then
changes the Wastebasket's label to "In Progress", the system software will not
remember that label setting -- after restarting, the Wastebasket's label would
return to "Essential".

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