Mac OS 8: Clean Install Message

TOPIC

If I select a clean install in the Mac OS 8 Installer and switch to the Finder and back, I get the
message "The clean install option was reverted to an update install. Please click Options if you wish
to change this option." I encountered this error when I launched the Mac OS 8 Installer but found that
I did not have enough free space to install Mac OS 8. I switched to the Finder to free up the space
and switched back and got this message.

DISCUSSION

Ever since the clean install option was added to the Installer application (not the "Install Mac OS 8"
application), the Installer has always reverted back to a standard installation if the user changed the
destination volume or switched to another application.

This is annoying, but allowed Apple to implement the clean install feature in the available time. Prior
to Mac OS 7.6, the Installer just silently reverted and left it up to the user to notice that the Clean
Install button had changed to Install. For Mac OS 7.6, Apple decided to alert the user to this change
by presenting the alert you see.

The easiest way enable the clean install option again is to click Options in the Installer application
(not the "Install Mac OS 8" application), and choose Install New System Folder. If the Installer is quit
and then restarted, using the "Install Mac OS 8" application, the clean install option will be enabled
once again.

We expect to change this behavior in a future release of system software.

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