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Apple CD-ROM Extension 4.0.x Versions: Differences (9/93)

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TOPIC -----

What are the differences between versions 4.0, 4.0.1, 4.0.2, and 4.0.4 of the Apple CD-ROM extension?

DISCUSSION -----

Beginning with version 4.0 of CD-ROM Setup, the installer script installed QuickTime. If the version of QuickTime changed, the installer script for CD-ROM Setup changed to request the latest version of QuickTime.

Version 4.0

Version 4.0 of the Apple CD-ROM extension was the first version to support dual-speed operation (which supports multiple-session Photo CDs) and the AppleCD 300 series. This version had problems with certain CD-ROMs that used encryption technology to restrict access to files. When the customer was given a decryption key to gain access to a file, the file wouldn't always appear in the Finder.

Here's a list of some of the CD-ROMs that had this problem:

- Adobe Type on Call
- AgfaType Collection
- Bitstream's Type Treasury
- Image Club Graphics
- D'Pix
- Nautilus CD
- Picture Shop
- Font Shop

QuickTime 1.5 shipped with this version.

Version 4.0.1

Version 4.0.1 was produced to fix the decryption problem. This version was only tested on the Macintosh IIVx and Performa 600.

Version 4.0.2

Version 4.0.2 was tested on all Macintosh computers. A few changes were made to ensure compatibility across the Macintosh product line, but there's no functional difference between 4.0.1 and 4.0.2 versions of the Apple CD-ROM extension.

Version 4.0.4

This version has AppleCD Speed Switch revised to 1.0.3. The Macintosh CD-ROM Setup 4.0.4 Installer provides the option to install QuickTime 1.6. And it includes TeachText 7.1.

Version 4.0.5

QuickTime 1.6.1 shipped with this version.

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