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Network Software Installer 1.3.2: Flaw (6/93)

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TOPIC -----

The Network Software Installer (NSI) version 1.3.2 appears to have a harmless error in the Installer script. When run on a Macintosh Quadra 700 with System 7.1, the message that Enabler 201 is being installed flashes across the installer status window, but after the installation there's no file named Enabler 201.

When installed on a Macintosh Quadra 800 that only has the 68040 enabler, the Installer creates a file in the System Folder called Enabler 201. This file contains a single "left" resource containing the string "Lefty's Magic Gibbly-Duplicating Resource."

When installed on a Macintosh Quadra 800 that has all enablers in the System Folder, the Installer modifies only Enabler 201. the only difference we can see is that it adds a single "left" resource containing the string "Lefty's Magic Gibbly-Duplicating Resource."

DISCUSSION -----

The Network Software Installer 1.3.2 "builds" a System Enabler 201 file on any Macintosh the installer is used on, but then the NSI script is supposed to remove the file from all Macintosh computers except the PowerBook Duos. Unfortunately, an Installer bug leaves a copy of the enabler in the System Folder of some Macintosh computers.

This System Enabler 201 may be safely removed from all Macintosh computers except the Duos. Or you may leave it in the System Folder. This is a benign bug that will be fixed in the next release of the NSI.

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