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TOPIC -----

Print software installer disks may replace System 7.5 PrintMonitor with an older version.

DISCUSSION -----

Users of System 7.5 need to know that some currently shipping Apple printer installer disks may replace the System 7.5 PrintMonitor with an older version.

Specifically, the LaserWriter Select 360 installer replaces the System 7.5 PrintMonitor v7.1.2 with v7.1. This behavior has not been documented in any other printer installers, though it may exist there also. Tests with LaserWriter driver version 8.2fc1 in this configuration have not revealed any obvious problems yet, but the effect this might have on other printer drivers has not been explored.

Plans are to fix this issue in forthcoming LaserWriter installer releases, but System 7.5 owners will be at the mercy of the large numbers of installers already in the field.

What we propose is to have a Read Me item whose substance would be to instruct the user to:

- Drag their PrintMonitor to the root level of the startup disk
- Run the printer installer normally
- Compare the 'Get Info' version number of the PrintMonitor which was placed in the Extensions folder by the printer installer to the version number of the PrintMonitor which they saved in the root before the install, and use the newer version.

This information did not get into the System 7.5 Read Me.

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