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TOPIC -----

I copied all of System 6.0.4 files from the original disks to a server. I then copied all the appropriate files back to blank disks, so that they mirrored the original disks. However, when I tried to use the Installer with these new disks, the Installer did not work. I did a disk-to-disk copy of the original disks to the blank disks, and the Installer did work. Can you explain?

DISCUSSION -----

We were able to use the Installer successfully from a set of disks created in the manner you describe. The steps we used to copy each disk are:

- 1) Copy the Installer disk to the server volume by dragging its icon to the server volume's icon or window. Confirm the "The two disks are different types..." dialog by clicking OK. A new folder is created on the server volume with the Installer disk's name and files.
- 2) Open the newly created folder.
- 3) Insert a blank 800K disk and name it exactly the same as the original. This should be the same name as the folder you opened in the previous step.
- 4) Copy all items from the opened folder (in step 2) to the new disk by dragging them to the disk's icon or opened window. Do not copy the entire folder--only the files and folders within it.

The Installer can become confused and not recognize a seemingly valid Installer disk if you move files between folders or remove files or folders. It is important to make nearly exact duplicates of the Installer disks, with no changes in disk, folder, or filenames. As you experienced, a disk-to-disk copy is a reliable way to make duplicates.

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