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TOPIC ---

Is the "Created Date" of the System file supposed to change? I have
experienced this with System H1-6.0.3.

The Created Date of the System file on the original H1-6.0.3 System disk shows:
Created: Fri, Dec 9, 1988, 12:00 PM. The Modified Date is: Tue, Jan 3, 1989,
13:05 PM. If I install the System on a formatted disk, the Created Date
changes to today's date and time. The Modified Date also changes to today's
date and time.

This is an intermittent problem, because sometimes the Created Date stays the
same and sometimes changes. My localizer says that the Created Date is never
supposed to change.

Can you explain?

DISCUSSION --

No, it is not normal for the Created Date to change. One of the recent viruses
has been known to change the Created Date of the System file. Since your
customer is experiencing random crashes, we strongly suggest that the system be
checked for viruses. We also suggest that the System file and the contents of
the System Folder be reinstalled from known-good software. (It's probably a
good idea to format the drive in the process.)

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