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TOPIC ---

If I reinstall system software (using the System disks) over an existing
System (with the same version as the one on the Installation disk), will
the Installer overwrite/replace the existing software?

DISCUSSION ---

No, the Installer will not overwrite software with the same version number
as is on the Installer. This means the Installer cannot be used to replace
a corrupt file unless the corrupt file is first thrown away.

The Installer does not check for corruption or change in a file. Installer
scripts vary, but in general an Installer will not replace a file if that
same file exists on the Installation disk and is a like version.

This also applies to system software that has been modified by utilities
such as ResEdit. The Installer will look at the modified system files,
see that it is the same version as on the Installation disk and will leave
the information unaltered.

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