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TOPIC -----

This article describes what you need to install and use ColorSync and the various components of ColorSync.

DISCUSSION -----

Overview of ColorSync

ColorSync is an extension to QuickDraw. It facilitates color conversion from the color space (method of mathematically describing a color) of one device to the color space of another device. It does this while maintaining consistent visual representation. In simple terms, ColorSync displays and prints the same image that it scanned.

A detailed overview of ColorSync is available in the Tech Info Library article titled "ColorSync Software: Overview".

Installing ColorSync

ColorSync is automatically installed when you install the software from System 7.5, Apple Multiple Scan Displays, Color StyleWriter printers, and QuickTake cameras. It is also available from non-Apple sources that have licensed the ColorSync from Apple.

Installing ColorSync Manually

ColorSync consists of three main components:

- ColorSync extension
- ColorSync System Profile control panel
- ColorSync Profile

You can install ColorSync manually by:

- dragging the ColorSync extension into the Extensions folder.
- dragging the System Profile control panel into the Control Panels folder.
- dragging the ColorSync Profiles folder, with the ColorSync Profiles inside, into the Preferences folder.

Once the components are installed, you need to restart to activate ColorSync.

Note:

If you have a non-Apple ColorSync profile, you need to drag it into the ColorSync Profiles folder located in the Preferences folder.

Setting Up ColorSync

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Once you ColorSync is installed, you need to open the ColorSync System Profile control panel and select the correct profile for your output device (monitor, printer, camera, or other device).

If you have a non-Apple output device, you need to contact the product vendor to obtain the proper ColorSync profile.

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