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TOPIC ---

When I try installing QuickTime for Windows 2.1.x (QTW), I get an error message
that states "An error occurred while updating ..INI files." when running the QTW
2.1.x installer." How can I correct this?

DISCUSSION --

When an INI file is larger than 32K bytes, the 16-bit Windows APIs in both
Windows 3.1.x and Windows 95, cannot read or write to the INI file. This creates
a problem when using the 16-bit Windows APIs, as does QuickTime for Windows, to
modify a INI file when it is greater then 32K bytes. However, INI files are text
files and you can use the workaround listed below when the INI file is larger
than 32K bytes. In this workaround, you will create INI files, which are smaller
than 32K bytes, then rejoin the files once you have installed QuickTime for
Windows.

Generally INI files are less than 32K. If your INI files are larger than 32K you
may have unused or outdated information. The procedure outlined below is the
only one we are aware of at this time. Please call Microsoft if you require
another method or further explanation.

Workaround
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In this example MS Write is used, but you can use any text editor that allows
you to create files larger than 32K bytes.

Step 1

Locate the INI files which are 32k bytes or more.

Examples: SYSTEM.INI or WIN.INI

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Step 2
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Open the SYSTEM.INI or WIN.INI file, using MS Write.

Step 3
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PAGE DOWN to about 30 pages.

IMPORTANT:
- The first 30 pages of the SYSTEM.INI file needs to contain the [mci]
  section.
- The first 30 pages of the WIN.INI, needs to contain the following
  sections:  [Extensions],[mci extensions],[embedding].

Step 4
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Hold the SHIFT key while PAGE DOWN through the rest of the file.

Step 5
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Cut the selected text.

Step 6
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Launch another MS Write document.

Step 7
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PASTE into the new MS Write.

Step 8
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Save as SYSTEM.QTW

Step 9
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Click on the title bar of the first opened Write document. Make sure the
selection still there.

Step 10
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Delete the section by pressing the DEL key.

Step 11
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SAVE AS SYSTEM.INI or WIN.INI

Step 12
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Repeat for WIN.INI or SYSTEM.INI if necessary.

Step 13
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Run the QuickTime for Windows (QTW) installer.

Once you have installed QTW, you need to re-append the INI files you split.

How to re-append INI files
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Step 1
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Open the SYSTEM.QTW or WIN.QTW file using MS Write.

Step 2
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Choose Select All from the Edit menu.

Step 3
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Choose Copy from the Edit menu.

Step 4
------
Open the SYSTEM.INI or WIN.INI file.

Step 5
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Page Down to the end of the file.

Step 6
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Choose Paste from the Edit menu.

Step 7
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Choose Save from the File menu.

Step 8
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Delete SYSTEM.QTW or WIN.QTW

Step 9
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Exit and re-enter Windows.
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