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Power Macintosh 8100/110: Must Use System 7.5 (11/94)

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TOPIC -----

Is it possible to run System 7.1.2 (the Power Macintosh version) on the new Power Macintosh 8100/110?

DISCUSSION -----

No, the Power Macintosh 8100/110 requires System 7.5. Below is some information on the possible side effects of running older system software on the 8100/110.

Q. If the new PPC Enabler is named the same as the old Enabler (PowerPC Enabler), what happens if you install it in the 7.1.2 system folder along with the old enabler?

A. You will get a System Error.

Q. What are the symptoms/results if you try to boot a Power Macintosh 8100/110 with System 7.1.2?

A. You will get an error message that says that the System Software is too old to run on this machine.

Q. What are the symptoms/results if you try to boot a Power Macintosh 8100/110 with the original System 7.5?

A. You will get an error message that says that the System Software is too old to run on this machine.

Q. If the new PPC enabler is installed in an original Power Macintosh, will it run?

A. It will work because the enabler will not be used. It will use the generic System 7.5 code to run the system.

Q. What will the revised version of System 7.5 be named?

A. It will still be called System 7.5. Since this is a superset of the existing 7.5, it won't be necessary to revise the version number.

Q. What items have been changed in System 7.5 for support of the Power Macintosh 8100/110?

A. Finder

PowerPC Finder Update

PowerPC Enabler

HD SC Setup

- Q. Is this version backwards compatible with all computers that use System 7.5?
- A. Yes, EXCEPT you cannot boot older Power Macintosh computers with the Power Macintosh 8100/110 Disk Tools disk. It requires the System 7.5 Disk Tools disk. On older machines, you get a "this machine needs newer software to boot..." message, which is the correct behavior.

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