

Wheels Upgrade Notice

This disk has many little improvements over the first release of Wheels. And since the system files are different from your previous ones, you do not want to mix the two versions together. In other words, you can't boot up the old system and use the new Toolbox or the new Dashboard. The new system must be used entirely in place of the old one.

If you boot only from a floppy, you won't have a problem, you simply quit using your current floppy boot disk. However, if you have files on a RamLink or battery backed ramdisk or a hard drive, you will want to make sure you delete all the old copies of the Dashboard. The two Dashboards will cause a conflict. If you exit an application and Wheels loads the Dashboard from one source, but the Dashboard itself loads its modules from another source, the conflict will result and unexpected things can happen.

That's the most important thing to know about this new release.

READ THIS BEFORE INSTALLING

There is a slight difference in the installation procedure for German users. Just before the point where you are asked to enter your name, you will get a dialogue box that asks which font and keyboard setup you would like to use. Currently, you have two choices, either the USA setup or the German setup. The default is USA, so any non-German users can simply hit <RETURN> or click on the OK button at this point. German users will either want to click on the German setup or press 2. Then hit <RETURN> or click on OK.

If you decide to give the installation a practice run as outlined in the installation instructions with your Wheels disk write-protected, choose the USA setup for the practice run. Otherwise, the practice installation will stop when it attempts to install the German character sets and keyboard layout into the kernal file on disk. Choosing the USA setup won't make any changes to the disk at this point. The idea behind the practice run is to get as far as asking for your original GEOS disk. This allows you to find out if the installation will accept your GEOS disk without doing the actual installation. The GEOS disk is needed in order to fetch your GEOS serial number.

One more thing for German users to note: Until the German character set and keyboard layout is actually installed, you will be using the USA character set and keyboard. This is not a problem, except for the "Y" and "Z" keys are swapped with each other. So, if you wish to press the "Y" key in place of clicking on a YES button, you will have to use the "Z" key. Once the German keyboard layout is installed, then your "Y" key will work normally.

NOTE to all non-USA and non-German users:

I have replacement character sets for the BSW, BSW128, and the Dashboard 40 and 80 column fonts for other countries also. However, I don't have the keyboard layouts for these other countries. If you live in one of the supported countries and would like to change your character sets and keyboard layouts, let me know and I'll help you out. I have a program I'm working on that will let you configure which key you would like a particular character to be mapped to. This will then modify your kernal and Dashboard files accordingly as well as install the desired character sets. Just send me a disk along with a disk mailer and I'll return it to you with the program when it is ready to go.