



Product installer version vs. application version

We are sometimes asked why the product version and the individual application version are not the same, this is explained below.

The installer version is the overall *product* release version as shown in the list of installed programs displayed in Windows, and it very seldom matches any individual exe release version numbers within the product file set itself. There are occasions when these numbers do match exactly, but this is by pure coincidence rather than design.

Only the first two digits ever match between product installer and application version, so for example with Advantage workstation, the installer may be v7.2.x but the workstation exe v7.2.y. A sample scenario for Advantage might be that the Advantage packet server gets updated but the workstation doesn't. Because you can't have two releases of the overall product with the same product version number the overall product version is incremented. Similarly we might have updated the manuals that go with a product, so again the 3rd digit of the overall product version gets incremented to make the release unique. A new overall product installer is created with a new version number, however in this example the main application files are still the same versions and only the manual has changed.

All distribution media has a "release information" folder and this contains a build report of all the files in the product release along with details of their individual version numbers. On occasion we will do a version number synchronisation across all the components, but that only happens on occasions when there is cause to do so.

This product version vs. individual application version rule applies for all Starfish products across the board.

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