

When a program asks you a question and then gets upset if you answer it

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JeffDav's story of a program that didn't like it when he told it where to install reminded me of another program that we dealt with during Windows 95 development. This was a big-name program developed by one of the biggest-of-the-big name software companies. Let's give this program the imaginary name "LitWare". Its setup program asked you where you wanted the program to be installed, and it suggested "C:\LITWARE". If you accepted the default, then everything proceeded normally. However, if you changed the default to **anything else**, the setup program ran to completion, but the program itself wouldn't run. Because the program contained the hard-coded path "C:\LITWARE" and insisted that it find its support files in that directory.

At least Jeff's program realized that it was about to be installed into a directory where it would fail to work!

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