PROCEDURE THEMING MACOS (VENTURA/ARM)

Preparation
• Backup your current system.
• Download the fork for *ThemeEngine* by jslegendre from this link:
https://github.com/jslegendre/ThemeEngine/releases/
• Download an existing theme and/or create your own using *ThemeEngine*[*)].

Unlocking process
• Restart with *macOS Recovery System* (by holding the *Touch ID* button during startup until "Continue holding for startup options…" appears).
• Choose "Options…", click "Continue", select your admin user, click "Next" and and confirm with the corresponding password.
• Select *Utilities > Terminal* from the menu bar.
• Enter "`csrutil disable`", answer the next question by typing "y" and hit [↵].
• Enter the admin password; hit [↵] and wait for completion.
• Enter "`csrutil authenticated-root disable`"; followed by [↵] and wait for completion.
• Restart your system.

Modification process
• First copy the .car-files you want to modify from /System/Library/CoreServices/ SystemAppearanceBunle/Contents/Resources to a safe place.
• Launch *Utilities > Terminal* and enter "`mount`".
• Enter "`mkdir /Users/gertjkaper/livemount`[**)]" (where „~" stands for your *Home* folder).
• Enter „`sudo mount -o nobrowse -t apfs /dev/disk3s1 /Users/gertjkaper/livemount`" and confirm with your admin password.
• Navigate tot he just created "livemount" folder within your Home folder until you find .car-files within the earlier mentioned /System/Library/CoreServices/ SystemAppearanceBunle/Contents/Resources-folder and make the desired adjustments to the .car-files (inside that folder). Sometimes you have to enter your password again.
• Commit those changes by entering "`sudo bless --folder /Users/gertjkaper/livemount/System/Library/CoreServices --bootefi --create-snapshot`" and enter your password to confirm.
• Wait a few seconds and then issue "`sudo reboot`".
• Verify that your modifications are as expected. Otherwise apply the necessary changes and repeat this modification process.

Afterwards you can use the available utilities to create your own (system) icons, customize the Dock, Login and Lock Screens and Apple logo... but so far these

are not yet working on Apple Silicon.

Warning
Do not enable csrutil or csrutil authenticated-root afterwards, because macOS will restore itself afterwards!

Disclaimer
We are not responsible for any damage to your system, so you perform this procedure at your own risk.
The final escape is to copy the original .car-files back to their original location or to restore macOS using the Recovery System or to restore your entire system from the backup you made earlier.

*)   Other tools are available.
          You can find them for instance at the *MacOS Theming Temple*:
          https://discord.com/channels/995613093575008257/1009073846470582452
**)   You can choose whatever name/folder you prefer.