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TOPIC -----

I am doing a presentation and want to hide HyperCard's title bar so it doesn't appear that I am in HyperCard.

DISCUSSION -----

When HyperCard is run on a Macintosh with a display larger than nine inches (basically, any Macintosh with an external monitor), a title bar normally appears at the top of the HyperCard window. It's possible to make this title bar invisible (on a color system), and it's also possible to eliminate it entirely.

- Making the Window Title Bar Invisible

Making the title bar invisible is the safer method, because the changes you make can easily be undone. And although the title bar is invisible, it's still there and can be dragged. However, this method works only in color, and in color you lose HyperCard's visual effects.

Here's how to set the Desktop, and the window title bar and its components, to the same color -- making the title bar invisible:

1. Put the cdev called Kolor (Kolor is available on bulletin boards) in your System Folder.
2. Open the Control Panel, then click on the cdev named General.
3. Click on the dark blue color where it says "Desktop Pattern."
4. Color in the box above the word "Desktop" so it is solid blue.

5. Double click on the dark blue color. A window will appear with a color wheel. Write down the values in the Red, Green, and Blue fields.
6. Click on the cdev Kolor.
7. In the window title bar section, click on the "Title text" square. This will bring up the color wheel again.
8. Change the values in the Red, Green, and Blue fields to match the numbers you wrote down in step 5.
9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 for the "Lines/boxes," "Border," and "Title bar" squares.

Your title bars now appear to be invisible when shown against the Desktop Pattern.

- Eliminating the Window Title Bar

Eliminating the title bar actually changes the window structure. It has nothing to do with color, so it has effect on large-screen monochrome systems as well as color systems. This procedure changes HyperCard itself, so back up HyperCard first. The information here is given for versions through 1.2 of HyperCard.

1. Use a file editor such as Fedit Plus to open the HyperCard application.
2. Do a search for one of the following hexadecimal strings:

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HyperCard 1.01: 05A0 2F3C 0004
HyperCard 1.1:  05DC 2F3C 0004
HyperCard 1.2:  0638 2F3C 0004
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which should occur only once in the HyperCard file.

3. Change the last character of this string from 4 to 2.
4. Save the change and exit the file editor.
5. When you run HyperCard, the window will no longer show the title bar.

If you need to restore the window title bar, use the file editor to change the 2 back to 4. The parameter that was changed is passed to the Toolbox Window Manager call NewWindow. The value 4 tells NewWindow to draw a document window (with title bar) without a grow box. The value 2 tells NewWindow to draw a plain box without a menu title bar.

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