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TOPIC -----

Is the maximum length of continuous sound that a Macintosh II, IIx, or IIcx can play determined by RAM size or hard disk size?

Maybe I should put it this way:

Is there any software that is capable of moving sound from hard disk to RAM and Audio Output fast enough to play hundreds of megabytes of continuous music on the Macintosh? Do we need special hardware (like a NuBus card) to do this?

DISCUSSION ------

Most of the Macintosh applications that record and play back 8-bit internal Macintosh digitized sound have their limits set by the amount of RAM in the machine. There are some high-end, higher cost, 16-bit, CD-quality sound solutions available. One of these is Sound Tools from Digidesign. This solution includes a NuBus card, external hardware, and software for the Macintosh II.

For more information, search under: "Digidesign"

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