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TOPIC ---

I am developing a Macintosh tutorial to be distributed on a CD-ROM. I want to
know include the section of the Macintosh IIci and Macintosh SE/30 tour that has
the user click on some numbers that turn into pigeons and fly off the screen.

Do I need Apple approval or copyright releases to distribute this? Is the tour
engine Apple's, or is it licensed from a third party? Since I have purchased a
copy with each Macintosh, can I load it onto a hard disk or other device
(basically unaltered)?

DISCUSSION --

Apple approval and licensing is required to distribute ANYTHING originally
distributed on an Apple disk. This includes the tour engine you mentioned here,
which is a heavily modified version of Interactive VideoWorks from MacroMind.

Send a letter to Apple Software Licensing explaining what you want to do and
why. Software Licensing will evaluate the request. Apple's Software Licensing
department licenses Apple software to independent software vendors for inclusion
with their products.

For example, a vendor who publishes a word processing program with QuickTime
capabilities may wish to include the QuickTime extension with the word
processor. They would license QuickTime from Apple through this department.

Contact Information

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