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## HyperCard: 1.2.5 with System 6.0.4 & Portable, IIci

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TOPIC -----

What are the functional differences between HyperCard 1.2.2 and 1.2.5? Is there a custom procedure for installing a minimum System 6.0.4 configuration, which is necessary to run HyperCard 1.2.5?

I use HyperCard quite extensively and need to know how much of my installed base to upgrade to System 6.0.4. HyperCard 1.2.5 apparently has some new features that I want to use.

DISCUSSION -----

There is an engineering document that describes the changes, but there is no release document that describes the programming code added to ensure compatibility with System 6.0.4. This is because the changes made were not additions to nor enhancements to any of HyperCard's functions. Changes were made to ensure compatibility with the Macintosh Portable and Sound Manager changes found in System 6.0.4.

The changes were:

- The method HyperCard uses to center a card on the display. This was changed so that it did a better job of centering on the Macintosh Portable display.
- Changes to the Sound Manager required changes to the HyperCard Dial command. Those changes are compatible only with System 6.0.4.

Any differences you may see within version 1.2.5 were probably added in version 1.2.2, and you're just now noticing these changes.

You do not need to run HyperCard 1.2.5, unless you are using a Macintosh

Portable or Macintosh IIci. However, there is at least one advantage to installing System 6.0.4 and HyperCard 1.2.5 on all systems. You get the benefit of a fix to the 800K drive eject code. The code increases the reliability of the drive by moving the drive head away from the disk when it ejects. Installing a minimal 6.0.4 System for running HyperCard is not a problem.

If you want to upgrade your system, there are no special installation procedures other than running the System Installer for System 6.0.4. Installing HyperCard 1.2.5 means copying the file on to the customer's disk.

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