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TOPIC -----

I just got a new Macintosh Display Card 8•24 GC for my Macintosh IIIfx (running System 6.0.5). I am running into a problem when trying to run HyperCard 1.2.5. If the accelerator is disabled, everything is fine. However, with the accelerator on, the outlined hand in HyperCard turns black and the system does not react when I press buttons. Only browsing is affected. When a button tool (or other tool) is selected, it seems to work okay.

I need to use a custom HyperCard 1.2.5 stack off and on during the day. Right now, I must restart the computer to disable the card to use HyperCard.

DISCUSSION -----

An unadorned HyperCard 1.2.5 stack should work fine. Your stack may have an XCMD or XFCN that is interfering with the altered QuickDraw command set that the Macintosh Display Card 8•24 GC uses. As externals are processed by HyperCard when a stack opens, any incompatibility (not bugs, though) shows up.

We recommend that users of the Macintosh Display Card 8•24 GC upgrade to HyperCard 2.0, mainly for the sake of performance. HyperCard 2.0 uses true QuickDraw commands, which the Display Card 8•24 GC accelerates. (Earlier versions of HyperCard bypassed QuickDraw entirely.) Older stacks should work, but performance will not improve.

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