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TOPIC -----

This article describes the new features and benefits of the Apple IIe Card Version 2.0.x software.

DISCUSSION -----

Version 2.0.x software has added many new features to the Apple IIe Card for the Macintosh LC. Here are the highlights:

The Macintosh LC IIe Card works in:

- Macintosh LC, LC II, LC III, LC 520
- Performa 400, 405, 410, 430, 450, 460, 466, 467, 550
- Macintosh Color Classic
- any future model that has an LC slot or LC-compatible slot.

To use the Apple IIe Card on a Macintosh LC II, Macintosh LC III, or Performa 400 series running System 7.1 or System 7.1P, you need version 2.2.1 of the Apple IIe Card software. You should upgrade to version 2.2.1 ONLY if you are using your Macintosh LC II with System 7.1. You can use the Apple IIe Card software version 2.2 with the original Macintosh LC, but it's not required.

System 7 Compatibility

Version 2.0 of the Apple IIe Card software is not compatible with System 7.0. Version 2.1 is compatible with both System 6.0.8 and System 7.0.1. The Macintosh LC II requires version 2.1 of the Apple IIe Card software. Apple recommends that users use 2.1 only if they need System 7 or Macintosh LC II compatibility.

Hard Disk Support

- Apple IIe files and programs can be stored on the Macintosh hard disk.
- Apple IIe ProDOS files and disks can be seen and manipulated on the Macintosh desktop.
- Apple IIe files and programs can be opened by double-clicking their icons.
- Apple IIe files can be moved, copied, renamed, and trashed in the usual Macintosh ways.

File Server Support

If a Macintosh LC has an Apple IIe Card installed, you can connect to file servers that contain Apple IIe files and programs.

- When connected to a file server over a network, you can use AppleShare Workstation software to connect to the file server.
- Starting up from a file server (sometimes called "network booting") is much faster than it was using the original Apple IIe.

MultiFinder Support

You can run the Apple IIe Card simultaneously with Macintosh programs, switching between them without quitting either.

Option Panel Changes

The Option Panel works in the same way. However, many improvements have been incorporated:

- When the Option Panel is open, the menu bar can be used to access desk accessories and, if running MultiFinder, to switch to other programs.
- The Option Panel is in a movable window.
- A new combination keystroke can be assigned to open the Option Panel (in addition to using Control-X-Esc).
- The Auxiliary Slot Memory Card option in the General Controls panel has been removed. To expand the amount of memory, use the Memory Expansion Card.
- There are two new ways to limit access to the Apple IIe Prefs file:
 - The Get Info command in the Macintosh Finder can be used to lock the file to prevent any changes.
 - The file can be hidden by dragging it to the System Folder to prevent anyone from accidentally trashing it.
- The General Controls panel has been rearranged.
- The Mouse panel has two additional options to make the mouse even more sensitive to your movements.

Card and Slot Changes

- An AppleShare Card has been added.
- A Printer Card has been added. Use this card to connect the printer to your computer either directly or over a network.
- The Network Printer Card has been removed.
- The Printer Port and the Modem Port cards both have been renamed Serial Cards. (Note that these two Serial Cards should not be used for printers; use the Printer Card instead.)

- The Serial Cards have special settings for both Apple modems.

Enhanced Printer Support

You can print to most Macintosh-compatible printers--whether the printer is connected directly or on a network. Also, you can set up and select Apple IIe printers using simple Macintosh methods.

Printing Changes

Once the cards, slots, and printing software have been set up, Apple IIe files are printed in much the same way as with the original software. However, the setup method has changed significantly. In the earlier version of the Apple IIe Card software, the Network Printing Card or a Super Serial Card was used. In version 2.0, the Printer Card and a Macintosh desk accessory called Chooser are used. Specific printing changes include:

- The Network Printing Card has been removed from the Option Panel.
- The Printer Card should be used for all printers, whether the printer is connected to your computer directly or over a network. The Super Serial Cards should not be used for printers.
- Regardless of the printer, when using the Printer Card, the Apple IIe program should treat the printer as if it is an ImageWriter II.
- The new printing system supports all Apple printers.
- The Macintosh Chooser desk accessory is used to select the printer.

Saving and Printing Apple IIe Screens

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- Several menu commands can be used in the Option Panel to save, copy, print, and display Apple IIe screens.

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