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TOPIC -----

Why doesn't the built-in video of the Macintosh IIci, IIsi, and Macintosh LC support the Apple Two-Page Display? Couldn't you just allocate more RAM to video?

DISCUSSION -----

With the Two-Page Display and built-in video, the issue was not the amount of RAM needed to drive the display, but the amount of "cycle stealing" that would occur. The degree of performance degradation for the microprocessor was unacceptable, so Apple removed the option entirely.

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