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TOPIC -----

With HyperCard 2.x, you can switch to an application under MultiFinder while a script is running, and the script will continue to execute while HyperCard 2.x is in the background. The sorting and compacting operations also work while HyperCard 2.x is suspended.

DISCUSSION -----

HyperCard 2.x yields time to MultiFinder (and hence other applications) under the following circumstances:

- When HyperTalk handlers execute
- When the busy cursor is rotated (for example, during sorting, compacting, and printing)
- During the Show Cards and Wait commands in scripts

HyperCard 2.x notifies the user when his intervention is required (for example, a script wants to display an Ask or Answer dialog. When this occurs, HyperCard 2.x beeps, puts a diamond next to its name in the Apple menu, and flashes its small icon in the menu bar. A dialog appears when HyperCard 2.x becomes the active program. Because HyperCard needs some working room on the disks you create, make sure you have at least 50K or so of free space on each HyperCard disk you use.

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