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Megaphone for Performa: Cannot Dial Long Distance (1/97)

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TOPIC -----

When using MegaPhone to dial long distance on a Macintosh Performa 6200 series computer, there is a ring, then silence, then a short sound, then silence, and then a busy signal. Finally, an error dialog box appears. This happens repeatedly whenever we try to dial long distance.

DISCUSSION -----

The Macintosh Performa 6200 series computer comes with a Global Village Teleport Gold IIv 14.4 Kbps fax send/receive modem installed in the Communications slot. These computers are also bundled with the MegaPhone for Performa software, which lets the computer function as a speakerphone and digital answering machine.

Cypress Research released an update to the MegaPhone software which addressed some intermittent problems with MegaPhone and Global Village Gold IIv and Platinum IIv modems. MegaPhone v1.0.3P is available from Cypress Research's FTP site and from the Apple Software Updates on the online services.

You should also follow these steps to make sure your MegaPhone software is configured properly:

Step 1

Open the Telephone Setup control panel. In the General Setup area, there is an option for tone dialing. Make sure it is not checked if you are using a pulse phone line.

Step 2

If you were trying to make a call from your home, make sure that you do not have the option set to dial "9" or any other numbers before dialing a call. To check, open MegaPhone and select Preferences from the File menu. In the "General" Topic, make sure that you have not selected the option to dial a "9" before calling. Make sure it is set to dial a "1" before making a long distance call.

The Tech Info Library article titled "Locating Vendor Information" can help you search for Cypress Research's address and phone number.

These articles can help you locate the software update mentioned here:

- "Where To Find Apple Software Updates" - Lists online services for free Apple software updates.
- "Obtaining Apple Product Support in the USA" - Lists 800 numbers and online services for software updates, Apple support information, and a subset of the Apple Tech Info Library.

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