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HyperCard: XCMD To Restart & Shutdown Macintosh

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TOPIC -----

Do you know of a HyperCard XCMD that can restart the Macintosh?

DISCUSSION -----

There are several XCMDs and XFCNs capable of restarting or shutting down a Macintosh. One, named "doRestart," restarts the Macintosh without any further notice. The other, named "ShutDown," does a normal shutdown as if you had selected Shut Down from the Finder's Special menu. The "Shutdown" XCMD eventually corrupts any stack it's used in. It's just a matter of time before the user shuts the system down without HyperCard having done its housekeeping chores. The shareware "SafeShutDown" by Christopher Watson seems to be safe (there have been no reports of corrupted stacks with it). None of these is an Apple-supported solution.

Caution should be used when executing these, especially while MultiFinder is running. It is possible that other applications may not be able to clean up properly before the system restarts or shuts down.

An easier, faster and safer way to do this is to create a QuickKey sequence for HyperCard to execute.

The HyperTalk script might look like:

```
on doMenu which
  if which = "Quit" then
    type "Q" with Command key and Option key
    ...
    ...
```

where Command Option Q calls a quickKey sequence that quits HyperCard and then does a Finder shutdown.

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