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## HyperCard: Freeing Up Memory

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### TOPIC -----

I find myself frequently running low on memory when in HyperCard. Sometimes it won't launch all.

### DISCUSSION -----

There are various things you can do to free up memory for HyperCard. When running under System 6, consider running HyperCard without MultiFinder turned on. In System 7 turning off MultiFinder is not an option; for this case, consider purchasing more RAM for your Macintosh, especially if you currently have only 2 MB. Also, adjust the current memory setting for HyperCard to at least 1000K, depending on the size and complexity of the stacks you will be using. Some other suggestions for freeing up memory are given below.

- Minimize use of INITs, extensions, and control panels, moving them out of the System Folder if necessary. Specifically, watch for memory-hungry items such as macro programs (QuicKeys, MacroMaker, and so on), and those that create a desktop picture (like ColorDesk).
- Don't run HyperCard simultaneously with AppleShare, InBox, or other memory-intensive applications.
- Turn the RAM cache as low as possible - in System 6, you can even turn it off.
- Run in two-color mode.
- Don't use huge beep sounds.
- Don't call lots of XFCNs/XCMDs within HyperCard.
- Empty global variables when no longer needed.

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