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Macintosh AV Systems: Displaying Video on Monitor (8/93)

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TOPIC -----

Can I display video from my VCR or video camera on my Macintosh Centris 660AV or Quadra 840AV?

DISCUSSION -----

Yes, you can. Below is the standard method for setting up the ability to display video a video signal, from a VCR, on the Macintosh monitor:

- 1) Assemble the VCR and cables you need to connect it to the Macintosh.
- 2) If the Macintosh and VCR are powered on, turn them off.
- 3) Plug one end of the single-RCA-plug cable into the Video Out socket on the VCR.
- 4) Plug the other end of the single-RCA-plug cable into the composite input port on the Macintosh.
- 5) Plug the dual-RCA-plug end of the other cable into the left and right Audio Out sockets on the VCR.
- 6) Plug the stereo-miniplug end of this cable into the sound input port on the Macintosh. You can use a Y-shaped adapter to convert a dual RCA-plug cable to one that has a stereo miniplug at one end.)
- 7) Turn on the computer and the VCR.
- 8) Open the Apple Extras folder on your hard disk and locate the Video Monitor application.
- 9) Double-click on the Video Monitor icon to launch the application. A black window titled "Monitor" will appear.
- 10) Turn on the VCR and press the play button. A video image will appear inside the monitor window.

Troubleshooting:

If a video image does not appear, try the following:

- 1) Choose Source from the pop-up menu at the top left side of the Video window.
- 2) In the dialog box which appears, review the choices selected in the Input and Format pop-up menus:
 - The Input choices indicate the input port for the video device. The preset choice is composite video, which is the standard for most VCRs.
 - The Format choices indicate the format, or standard, of the video signal. The preset choice is NTSC, which is used in the U.S. and Japan.
- 3) Make sure all of the cables are securely connected between the video device and the computer.
- 4) Make sure the video device is turned on.

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