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Power Macintosh: Native Excel Libraries Not Loading (7/95)

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TOPIC --

When I try to launch the PowerPC native version of Excel, the Power Macintosh
displays an error message stating that a certain library cannot be found. All
the Microsoft files are installed but I still get the message. What is wrong?

DISCUSSION ---

The error message is somewhat misleading because the problem Microsoft Excel is
having when launching is due to running out of RAM. On a 16 MB Power Macintosh
running System 7.5 and Excel for Power Macintosh, there is not enough RAM to
load all of the libraries that Excel requires. When the Code Fragment Manager
tries to load the libraries, the load fails due to lack of RAM, and the Code
Fragment Manager reports the library cannot be found.

One solution is to turn on Virtual Memory (VM) in the Memory control panel to at
least 17 MB total. The Get Info window for Excel states the application requires
9300 KB RAM when not using VM. However, the libraries make up the other 4 MB of
the RAM requirement when not using VM. Virtual memory starts file-mapping, which
lowers the memory requirement for Excel from about 13 MB to about 4 MB.

Another solution is to add more physical RAM to the Power Macintosh.

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