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HyperCard: Problems with Older Versions of TOPS

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Reports from the field indicate there have been problems with HyperCard not functioning properly with older versions of TOPS that came with System 3.2.

The problem is related to how TOPS is installed. When the TOPS installer is run, it copies resources (INIT 31 and AppleTalk) from System 3.2 and replaces those resources in the System file of the destination volume. This causes major problems on a Macintosh using System 4.0 or 4.1.

The workaround:

1. Copy the contents of the TOPS disk to a double-sided disk. TOPS comes on a single-sided disk, and System 4.0 or later will not fit on a single-sided disk with the TOPS installer.
2. Use the System Installer to update the new disk to the version of the System and Finder your destination volume is running.
3. Install TOPS.

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