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SoftWindows: Increasing MS Office Performance (8/94)

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TOPIC -----

I am running SoftWindows on my Power Macintosh 7100 computer along with Microsoft Office. However, the overall performance of Microsoft Office in SoftWindows is poor. How can I increase the performance?

DISCUSSION -----

Here are some things you can do to increase performance:

- 1) The most significant performance increase you can configure is to allocate as much memory to SoftWindows as possible.
- 2) Make sure Virtual Memory is turned off.
- 3) Decrease the disk cache to 96K (the default) in the Memory control panel.
- 4) Make sure at least 2 MB of RAM is left over from the difference between the memory partition allocated to SoftWindows, and the memory allocated under PC Memory in the Setup menu of SoftWindows. Don't allocate EMS memory, but use XMS memory only. For example, if you have 18 MB allocated to SoftWindows. Run SoftWindows, go to the "Setup" menu, and select "PC Memory". Make sure EMS memory is set to 0, and set Extended Memory (XMS) to 8 MB. Since SoftWindows needs about 10 MB for itself, this would leave roughly 2 MB for what's called the "Delta Cache", which should speed things up. For future reference, take the total amount of memory allocated to SoftWindows, subtract what you set up in the PC memory menu, subtract 10Mb, and that's roughly what you have left for the Delta Cache. You always want the Delta Cache to be about 2 MB - no less.
- 5) Set the monitor bit-depth to 256.

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