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TOPIC -----

I have a Macintosh II 8-Bit Video Card and one Macintosh II Portrait Display Video Card in a Macintosh IIcx. I've transported the Macintosh back and forth between two locations, one with an RGB monitor and the other with a Portrait Display monitor.

If the Portrait Display monitor is not connected, the Control Panel has no monitor selection and the Macintosh transfers all open windows and startup information (menu bar) to the RGB monitor. (This must be a new feature of the Portrait Display board only.) When I connect the Portrait Display and no RGB monitor, all of the information is output to the RGB card, and I cannot revert via the Control Panel.

It seems that only the Portrait Display Video Card senses if a monitor is connected. Can I make the RGB monitor disappear in the same way as the Portrait Display without pulling the card each time I transfer the Macintosh (my current strategy)?

Is this a new feature and will all new monitor boards have it?

DISCUSSION -----

Yes, this is a new feature that has been included in the Macintosh II Portrait Display Video Card and the Two-Page Monochrome Monitor Video Card. This feature will most likely be included in all of our future video cards.

There is no way to modify the Macintosh II 1-Bit Video Card, 4-Bit Video Card, or 8-Bit Video Card to behave in this manner.

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