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TOPIC ---

How do I know if I have the latest released version of HyperCard 2.0? Is there a
way to get that information other than using the "Get Info" command?

DISCUSSION --

The latest released version of HyperCard is 2.2. This is the version returned by
the Get Info command. The "version" property of HyperCard returns version
information on the HyperCard application and stacks. On pages 645 to 647 of,
"HyperTalk 2.0: The Book", by Dan Winkler and Scot Kamins, is an excellent
description of the property and the information it returns. However, Claris
Corporation uses a different numbering scheme for release versions of its
software.

Running HyperCard 2.2, type "put the long version". The string "02218000"
appears in the message box.

• The first two digits (02) show major revision number.
• The next digit (2) is for minor revisions.
• The fourth digit (1) is for bug fix revisions.
• The next two digits (80) show the development stage. In this case, the 80
means it is released software.
• The final digits (00) are only applicable on unreleased software.

Translating all of this using the Apple scheme results in 2.2.1. Claris uses
only the major and minor revision number in its releases. The bug fix revision
number translates to a "v" number with 0 being equivalent to "v1", 1 to "v2",
and so on.

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