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TOPIC -----

I received a CD-ROM at the MacWorld Expo in Boston in August, 1996. I was using the HyperCard 2.3.5 Updater on the disc to update the Hypercard applications on all my computers. The updater has been failing to update the HyperCard application on several but not all of my Power Macintosh computers. When it fails, it gives the message, "An error prevented the update from completing. Invalid file selected for updating."

What could be causing this intermittent failure?

DISCUSSION -----

The problem you are experiencing occurs only with the HyperCard 2.3.5 Updater included on approximately 10,000 CD-ROMs distributed at MacWorld Boston in August 1996. The CD-ROM with the troublesome HyperCard updater is titled "The Apple Services CD - August 1996 Edition".

The issue only occurs on Power Macintosh or native or fat binary versions of the HyperCard 2.3 or 2.3.3 application. If you originally did an Easy Install of HyperCard 2.3 or 2.3.3 on your Power Macintosh, a few non-critical resources were left out of the HyperCard application. If you performed a custom install, these resources are included.

When you try to use the updater to update the HyperCard application that does not have these resources, the HyperCard 2.3.5 Updater will not recognize the application and will fail to update it returning the message "An error prevented the update from completing. Invalid file selected for updating."

To resolve this issue, you can re-install HyperCard 2.3 or 2.3.3 using the Custom Install option, and then use the HyperCard 2.3.5 Updater. Alternatively, you can download the corrected version of this updater from <http://www.info.apple.com/swupdates/>.

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