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HyperSpeller XCMD Available for HyperCard

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TOPIC -----

Do you know of any spell checkers that work with HyperCard?

DISCUSSION -----

HyperSpeller by Foundation Publishing is a utility that adds spell-checking and search/replace capabilities to HyperCard. HyperSpeller is implemented as two external commands (XCMDs): SpellCheck and FindChange. An installer application places the externals in the Home stack. After installation, SpellCheck and FindChange commands can be issued from HyperCard's message box or a HyperTalk script. The HyperSpeller dictionary file is approximately 164K. It must reside in the System Folder or the same folder as HyperCard.

The user can specify the checking range. For example, "SpellCheck" for the entire stack, "SpellCheck 30" for card 30 on, and "SpellCheck 12,12" for card 12 only. The dialog box clearly states where the suspect word is found. The user can then ask for suggestions, click on the Learn button, or Skip the word to ignore it. A small text box in the dialog shows a limited amount of the context in which the suspect word is found. For users with small monitors, the spelling dialog box can be "zoomed" smaller or larger, allowing the HyperCard card to be more visible.

The FindChange feature gives search and replace capabilities to HyperCard. The Find/Change dialog allows the user to specify "whole word", "match case", "change all", and "Change, then Find". As with the SpellCheck dialog, there is a zoom box that makes the dialog smaller or larger.

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