HyperCard 2.1: Some Menu Items Can't Be Disabled (& Workaround)

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TOPIC -------------------------------------------------------

Some HyperCard 2.1 menu items can't be disabled.  For example, the command

   disable menuItem "New Card" of menu "Edit"

doesn't function.  This is also true of "Delete Card" and "Cut Card"
An obvious workaround is to DELETE the item instead.

DISCUSSION --------------------------------------------------

Claris is aware of the limitation; it is intentional.

There are more elegant workarounds than deleting the menuItem.
The best is to rename the item in question, and then disable it.  See the
HyperTalk code below:

   on openBackground -- or in some other handler
     put "Can't Delete Card" into menuItem "Delete Card" of menu "Edit"
     disable menuItem "Can't Delete Card" of menu "Edit"
   end openBackGround

This is probably the best way to deal with the issue because it tells the
user specifically that the option isn't available.  Otherwise, the user may
wonder if something is wrong with the menu.

You could also add a handler for doMenu...

   on doMenu which
     if which = "Delete Card"
     then
       beep -- or put up a dialog informing user
     else
       pass doMenu
     end if
   end doMenu
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