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HyperCard: Converting Stacks to Version 2.x (11/92)

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TOPIC -----

The file format for HyperCard 2.x differs from that of earlier versions. Stacks in the old format can be opened read-only by HyperCard 2.x. When such a stack is opened, a standard Macintosh padlock symbol appears in the menu bar, indicating the stack is read-only, and the Compact Stack item from the File menu becomes Convert Stack... instead.

DISCUSSION -----

In order to convert a stack to HyperCard 2.x format, open the stack, choose the Convert Stack... item, and click OK in the confirmation dialog box.

NOTE: Once the stack is converted to HyperCard 2.x format, it can no longer be opened by earlier versions of HyperCard without using third party utilities.

Before converting a stack, keep in mind that you can always save a copy of it by choosing Save A Copy... from the File menu. Because the copy is an exact duplicate of the current stack, you can use Save A Copy... to archive versions of your stacks in the old format or any other.

Most operations on stacks, such as entering text into fields, creating new buttons, or editing graphics, are not allowed until the stack is converted. When you attempt to perform such operations within a stack in the old format, a dialog box appears informing you that you must first convert the stack before performing the operation.

Cards from converted stacks do not retain their background ID number the first time they are copied. Original 2.0 stacks are not a problem.

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