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HyperCard 2.0v2: Never heard of... Error (7/92)

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TOPIC -----

Whenever I open HyperCard 2.0v2, I get the message "Never heard of bkgnd field 'Paths.'" I can re-install HyperCard to get rid of this message, but it eventually crops up again with some use.

DISCUSSION -----

HyperCard 2.0v2 stores the pathnames of your frequently used stacks, documents, and applications in a series of cards in the Home stack. When HyperCard starts up, it looks at these cards first, referencing them by name. Essentially, it says, "Give me the information from the Path field on the Applications card." HyperCard also lets you set up a series of "Custom" Home cards with any name you specify.

Because of this, if you were to use the "Rename this card" command in the Home menu to call another card "Applications," HyperCard would mistakenly look for the Paths field on your "Applications" card. It won't find it there, and that is why you get the error message. Thus, you will get this error if any of the custom cards in your Home stack is named "Documents," "Applications," or "Stacks."

The easiest way to work around this is to click on your custom cards and rename them to something like "My Stacks," "My Applications" or "My Documents."

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