HyperCard 2.x: If Reference Stack Can't Understand (4/95)

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TOPIC ---

When you try to use the Reference Stack in HyperCard 2.x, nearly every mouse
click may result in error messages containing "Can't understand..." . The
problem is that the HyperCard Help Stack, which contains many handlers in its
stack script required by the Reference stack, has not been placed "in use".

DISCUSSION ---

The cause of the problem is a subtle scripting oversight in the HyperCard
Reference stack's Openstack handler. When the Reference stack first opens it
looks to see if the HyperCard Help Stack is already "in use". It does this by
looking for the existence of the string "HyperCard Help" in the stacksInUse.

Unfortunately, if the Audio Help stack is placed "in use" first, and it happens
to reside in a folder labeled "HyperCard Help", its full path name, including
the folder name "HyperCard Help", shows up in the stacksInUse. The Reference
stack sees "HyperCard Help" in the stacksInUse, and assumes that the HyperCard
Help stack is already "in use".

To avoid the problem:
• Change the name of the HyperCard Help folder (for example, "HC Help")
  or
• Move the Audio Help Stack out of the HyperCard Help folder

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