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TOPIC -----

Whenever I try to launch an application or another stack from inside HyperCard, I get the standard file dialog asking questions like " is "My Hard Disk:Applications:Excel"?

DISCUSSION -----

Even the best scripters run into this now and then. Remember that a path like

: My Applications: HyperCard

is not the same as

:My Applications:HyperCard

You must specify the EXACT pathname, including (or excluding) spaces, trademark symbols, bullets, and the like. In the Finder, make sure that you have the names exactly right; if your script still doesn't work, check the file names to make sure they don't have an extra space at the end, or perhaps two spaces instead of one in the middle.

When you're running a script containing simply " Red Ryder", HyperCard may ask you, the first time you run your script, where " Ryder" is. Once you have pointed " Ryder" out to HyperCard via the standard file dialog, it will store the path information in the Home stack and it won' ask you again unless you run your stack from another system (which would have an entirely different set of paths).

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