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TOPIC -----

If you're using HyperCard 2.2 and Macintosh System 7, you can create a standalone application from any HyperCard stack. Standalone applications work on their own: others can use your stacks even if they don't own HyperCard.

DISCUSSION -----

Creating a Standalone Application

- 1) Choose Save A Copy... from the File menu.
- 2) Choose Application from the "File type" popup menu at the bottom of the Save A Copy dialog box.
- 3) A dialog box appears into which you can type information for the Finder's Get Info window. You can use this information to keep track of versions of the application as you develop it. You can summon an additional dialog box, of use mainly to advanced developers, into which you can type more detailed version information.

WARNING: Once a standalone application is created, it cannot become a stack again -- and, from a development point of view, is frozen in its new form.

Script Security

Because standalone applications have no script editor, the user has no access to your scripts.

Custom File Type

HyperCard provides the file type code STAK to standalone applications. You

can provide your own file type code by choosing Custom file type from the "File type" popup menu. Again, this feature is intended for advanced developers.

WARNING: Creating a standalone application with anything other than the default application signature can have unexpected results. For information about avoiding such surprises, see "Create a Standalone Application" in the HyperCard Help stack.

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