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TOPIC -----

Here's an undocumented feature of HyperCard 2.0v2. It's a built in global variable called "the suspended." This variable is normally false but is set to true when you open another application using the `open[filename with] application` command.

DISCUSSION -----

This is an important feature if you are running under MultiFinder and start a handler that uses the `open application` command with additional messages after the open command. What will happen is that HyperCard will start launching the application and then continue to finish the other commands while it is running in the background. Therefore, if you want to suspend any pending commands that follow the `open application` command until after HyperCard gains control you might want to use the following structure:

```
on exampleHandler
  open "Text File" with "MacWrite II"
  wait 1 second -- assure following loop works
  repeat until var is false
    put the suspended into var
  end repeat
  beep
  go next card
end exampleHandler
```

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