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TOPIC -----

On page 164 of the HyperCard Script Language Guide there is an error in describing the "ask" command.

DISCUSSION -----

The syntax given for the "ask file" variation includes the optional word "default" for indicating a default file name. The command is as follows:

```
ask file [promptText] [with [default] fileName]
```

* Note - *promptText* and *FileName* are italicized

The word *default* is in plain text, indicating that it can be used as an element in the expression, and is in brackets [], indicating that it is optional.

Given this information, you should be able to type the following handler and get a file name of "Copy":

```
ask file "Save this file as...." with default "Copy"
```

Instead the file name comes up as "default Copy". This is an error in the documentation, not with HyperCard. The word "default" describes *fileName*. A corrected version of the expression would read:

```
ask field [promptText] [with defaultFileName]
```

* Again - *promptText* and *defaultFileName* are italicized.

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