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HyperCard 2.2 New Feature: Part Numbers (12/93)

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TOPIC -----

The "part number" -- new in HyperCard 2.2 -- is a button or field's ordinal position among all the buttons and fields that share a domain (a card or a background).

For example, if the ordering of parts on a card is card button 1, card button 2, card field 1, card field 2, and card button 3, the part number of card field 1 is 3. (Its layered position is third in a set of five.)

DISCUSSION -----

The part number is available in the object's Info dialog box; in a script, it's available in the object's partNumber property.

Changing Part Numbers

When an object's position relative to other objects within a domain changes, its part number changes -- as when it moves closer to, or farther away from, the front.

Lowest and Highest Part Number in a Domain

The object farthest away from the front within its domain has a part number of 1; the object closest to the front in its domain has a part number equal to the total number of objects in that domain.

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