

MacAdLibs for HyperCard

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This stack is a brief demo of features of HyperCard that will allow you to make Mad-Lib type cards that print out random sentences every time you click a button.

Installing the MacAd Lib stack:

Put the stack where you want it on your disk, then go to the Home card and make a new button. Under the Options menu, select Button Info, and make the button transparent (you don't have to, but that's the way I did it). Pick an icon, (I chose the ResEdit icon), then re-select the Button Info menu selection and choose Linkto. While the dialog box is still up, pick Open a Stack under the File menu, and open MacAd Libs. When the stack comes up, press Command-4 to go to the last card in the stack, then Command-2 to go back to the next-to-last card in the stack. In the dialog box, select Go to This Card. You have now installed MacAd Libs.

Changing the MacAd Libs:

There are four screens in the MacAd Libs stack:

- 1 - Verbs
- 2 - Adverbs
- 3 - the MacAd Libs card
- 4 - People

The People card used to be the first but I accidentally deleted it. Oh, well, close enough for government work! Anyway, you can use the Command-2 and Command-3 keys to shift back and forth to the data screens and type in anything you want. I highly recommend keeping people on the People card, verbs on the Verb card, and Adverbs on the Adverb card, unless you want to re-do the whole thing from scratch.

How it's done:

Use the button tool and select the Make a new MacAd Lib button, then select Button Info under the Options menu, then select Script. If you have read the HyperCard Help sections on HyperTalk, the script should be self-explanatory.

This MacAdLibs stack is public domain. Enjoy!