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TOPIC -----

The following anomalous result occurs with the use of specific strings in the answer command:

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answer "4^2 =" && 4^2
```

results in 4 = 16

DISCUSSION -----

It turns out that the answer command ignores the substrings "^0", "^1", "^2", "^3", whenever any of these appear in the text prompt of the answer command (probably for all variations and probably also in the "ask" command.)

This is a feature of the Dialog Manager, which treats these strings as placeholders.

For more technical detail, see the ParamText procedure in Inside Mac Volume I.

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