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TOPIC -----

HyperCard 2.0 added the system messages `moveWindow` and `sizeWindow` to HyperTalk. Some scripters expect to be able to prevent a user from moving a window (via dragging) by intercepting a `moveWindow` message. This is not possible.

DISCUSSION -----

The `moveWindow` message is sent to the current card whenever the location of any stack window changes. `MoveWindow` is a system message, so it serves only to notify that an event has happened, not that it is going to happen if the message reaches HyperCard.

Scripters can use a `moveWindow` handler to figure out how to reposition other windows.

One way to prevent users from dragging windows is to hide the titlebar of the card window. Use `hide titlebar`. Restore the titlebar later with `show titlebar`. Note that any stack that opens in that same window will not have a titlebar (so scripters want to restore the titlebar on `closeStack` and `suspendStack`). The command will not affect other windows displaying stacks.

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