RESURRECTION OF A CRASHED APPLEWORKS PROGRAM

You are using Appleworks and all of a sudden "Crash!" Who knows why? A hung Appleworks program will not do anything for you. The cursor may be gone from the screen and no regular key strokes cause any response from the program. Bye bye to the exam, letter, or whatever other files you may have had on the desktop. The only way to "unfreeze" the screen is to purposefully crash the program (explained below).

A crashed Appleworks program will have an asterisk cursor near the bottom of the screen and will be in 40 columns. If you can still make out the words in the file, some or most of the letters will be missing. [If you want to see a crashed Appleworks file, press the Control and Reset keys simultaneously. Do not press the Open Apple key.]

There is salvation. You CAN resurrect the file(s) with the following four exact steps. Use the upper-case letters. In step #2, depress the 3 key first, then hold the Control key down while you depress the letter P key. There are no o's, only zeros, 0's. To be safe, save your file(s) after this process and reboot Appleworks.

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Step #1: C073:0 [return]
Step #2: 3 [Control]-P[return]
Step #3: 2FO:2C 83 CO 2C 83 CO 4C 33 10 [return]
Step #4: 2FOG [return]

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For AppleWorks version 2.0, instead of 33 10 in step #3 use 27 11, step #4 is the same.

Afterwards, you may see numbers in the teens on the Main Menu instead of what is normal. If so, enter the normal number.

I also offer this suggestion: If you use AppleWorks in your computing life, put a copy of these instructions next to your computer. Or, better yet, put a copy on the front of the disk sleeve that you store your program disks in. It may help save you a lot of time someday.

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