

Applesoft: Syntax errors after CTRL-S (10/94)

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TOPIC -----

Sometimes, when I use the control-S feature to examine a Basic program listing, I get a SYNTAX ERROR after typing the next line. What causes this?

DISCUSSION -----

This happens because you accidentally typed an extra control-S after the program was through listing. This extra control-S is put into the input buffer like any other characters and, since no Basic command starts with a control-S, you get a SYNTAX ERROR.

Typing the left-arrow key until the Apple generates a new prompt line will insure that there is no control-S in the buffer. Alternatively, try to be more careful while typing control characters: holding down the key just a little too long WILL eventually cause more than one character to be generated.

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