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System 7: How to Quit from an Application That Hangs

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TOPIC -----

Under System 7, how do I force a hung application to quit?

DISCUSSION -----

Built into System 7 is the ability to force an application to terminate. To do this, simultaneously press the Command, Option, and Escape keys. This feature should be used with extreme caution. You should definitely not rely on this as a usual way to quit an application.

It is particularly useful in the event that you have unsaved work in other applications when your current application hangs. By using this "force quit" feature, you can return to the Finder and save the work in your other applications. But because of possible corrupted memory after force quitting an application, you should restart your computer after using this feature.

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