
Back to BASIC

Use the BASIC command, Control-B, to leave the Monitor and enter the BASIC that was active when you entered the Monitor. Normally, this is Applesoft BASIC, unless you deliberately switched to Integer BASIC. Any program or variables that you had previously in BASIC will be lost. If you want to reenter BASIC with your previous program and variables intact, use the CONTINUE BASIC command, Control-C.

If you are using DOS 3.3 or ProDOS, press Control-Reset or type 3D0G to return to the language you were using, with your program and variables intact.

- ❖ *That's a number, not a letter:* If you use 3DOG, make sure that the third character you type is a zero, not a letter O. The letter G is the Monitor's GO command, described in the section "Machine-Language Programs" later in this chapter.

Redirecting input and output

The PRINTER command, activated by Control-P, diverts all output normally destined for the screen to an interface card in a specified expansion slot, from 1 to 7. There must be an interface card in the specified slot, or you will lose control of the computer and your program and variables may be lost. The format of the command is

{slot number} Control-P

A PRINTER command to slot number 0 will switch the stream of output characters back to the Apple IIe's video display.

Warning

Don't give the PRINTER command with slot number 0 to deactivate the 80-column firmware, even though you used this command to activate it in slot 3. The command works, but it just disconnects the firmware, leaving some of the soft switches set for 80-column display.

In much the same way that the PRINTER command switches the output stream, the KEYBOARD command substitutes the interface card in a specified expansion slot for the Apple IIe's normal input device, the keyboard. The format for the KEYBOARD command is

{slot number} Control-K

A slot number of 0 for the KEYBOARD command directs the Monitor to accept input from the Apple IIe's built-in keyboard.

The PRINTER and KEYBOARD commands are the exact equivalents of the BASIC commands PR# and IN#.