

# Critical Errors

**OS/2** watches for physical errors during input and output operations. Physical errors are those due to hardware problems, such as trying to read a floppy disk while the drive door is open.

These errors are called **critical errors** because **OS/2**, **CMD.EXE**, or your application program cannot proceed until the error is resolved.

When a critical error occurs, you will see a popup window asking you to choose one of four error handling options. The message comes from **OS/2** or **CMD.EXE**, and will vary slightly depending on whether you are in full-screen or windowed mode. You can respond with a mouse click or menu selection. The options and their meanings are similar in all cases:

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| <b>Return error code to program.</b>  | Tell the program that the operation failed. This option returns an error code to <b>CMD.EXE</b> or to the application program that was running when the error occurred. <b>CMD.EXE</b> generally stops the current command when an operation fails. |
| <b>End program/command/operation.</b> | Choose this option to stop the program that was running when the error occurred and abort <b>CMD.EXE</b> .  |
| <b>Retry command or operation.</b>    | Choose this option if you have corrected the problem.   |
| <b>Display help.</b>                  | Display further information on the error.   |

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