

## Disk Full Problems

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When the Norton Editor is writing data to a disk and runs out of disk space, the Editor suspends output, shows you a disk-full message and returns to the edit mode with the unwritten portion of the data remaining in the edit buffer. When this happens, there are two courses of action that you might take:

*Option 1:* You can switch to the DOS command processor (F9) and delete files from the disk, freeing more space for the output file. The status display (F2) shows you how much space is available and how much you need. When you have enough space, you can finish writing the file with the F3 E command.



**Important:** Do *not* delete either the file you are editing or the Editor's temporary file, which has an extension beginning with a dollar sign, such as `.$PA`. Often you can free a significant amount of disk space by deleting all the backup files with a command like this: `DEL *.*~*`

*Option 2:* Another approach is to close the output file and open a new one (which should be on a different disk) using the command F3 C. Then you can finish writing the data to the new file. This breaks your data into two files, but you can use the DOS COPY command to recombine the two files into one. The F3 C command will always display the warning message, "Output file not empty. Continue?" In this case, you should respond "y".

The first option is usually more satisfactory.