
Error Messages

Here is a list of the error messages used by the Norton Editor, grouped into three categories: *fatal errors*, which prevent the Editor from continuing operation; *critical errors*, which are based on error codes generated by DOS, usually concerning disk storage; and *general errors*, which report other problems.

Fatal

FATAL ERROR!!! INSUFFICIENT MEMORY TO RUN EDITOR.

There is not enough working memory available for the Editor to operate. You may be able to increase the amount of memory available by eliminating resident programs (such as Prokey or Sidekick) or by reducing the number of disk buffers used by DOS (see your DOS manual concerning disk buffers and the CONFIG.SYS file).

FATAL ERROR!!! LINE TOO LONG, SORRY.

The Editor is unable to work with lines of text longer than 65,520 (16K - 16) characters.

FATAL ERROR!!! UNSUPPORTED DISPLAY FORMAT.

The Editor is not able to work with certain display formats, including 40-column and graphics modes.

FATAL ERROR!!! UNSUPPORTED VERSION OF DOS.

The Editor must be used with a version of DOS numbered 2.0 or higher.

Critical

These error messages are based on error codes that DOS reports to the Editor. They are all displayed on the bottom (25th) line of the screen. For any of these messages you must respond with one of the standard choices A (to abort the operation and the Editor session as well), R (to retry the operation), or I (to ignore the error and continue).



WARNING! Be aware that the A-abort response ends the Editor session, and *loses any work* you have in progress. For this reason, you'll generally want to ignore, rather than Abort, the operation.

**DISK DATA ERROR
DISK SEEK ERROR
SECTOR NOT FOUND**

The disk apparently is damaged and can't be used. Occasionally these messages occur when a diskette is not properly seated in the drive. Try removing and replacing the diskette.

DISK WRITE-PROTECT

The Editor has tried to write on a disk that is write protected. Since the Editor opens its output file when it begins editing, you may get this message before any actual data is written to the disk. Remove the disk's write-protection tab and retry the operation.

DRIVE NOT READY

The disk drive is not ready. This commonly occurs if there is no disk in the drive or the drive door is not closed. You may be able to correct the problem and continue operation.

OUT OF PAPER

The printer indicates that it is out of paper. Check that the printer has paper, that it is on-line and that it is properly connected to the computer.

WRITE FAULT

This message usually indicates that the computer is having trouble communicating with the printer. Check that the printer has paper, is switched on-line, and is properly connected to the computer.

General**BLOCK MARKERS NOT SET IN OTHER WINDOW**

Displayed in response to F4 W when there is no block marked in the opposite window.

CAN'T APPEND, PORTION OF CURRENT INPUT FILE UNREAD

Displayed in response to F3 A when the input file has not been fully loaded. This occurs when the file is larger than 75 percent of the available free memory.

EDITOR NOT IN SPLIT SCREEN MODE

Displayed in response to F4 W when the Editor is not in split-screen mode.

FILE NAME TOO LONG

Displayed if a filename, including any path specification, is over 64 characters.

INPUT FILE TOO LARGE, COMPLETE FILE NOT LOADED

Displayed in response to any of the file loading commands (including invoking the Editor from the DOS command line) when the file being loaded is larger than 75 percent of the amount of free memory in the edit buffer. This is not really an error, but simply a warning to alert you that not all of the file is in memory, ready to be edited; see the section on Editing Large Files, page 39.

INSUFFICIENT DISK SPACE

Displayed in response to F5 S (save a copy of the Editor with current defaults set) if there is not enough disk space for a new copy of the Editor.

INSUFFICIENT FREE MEMORY

Displayed in response to F3 X (activating a second editing window) if there is not enough memory to split the screen.

INSUFFICIENT MEMORY TO COPY BLOCK

Displayed in response to F4 C, F4 M, or F4 W if there is not enough memory to copy the block.

**INSUFFICIENT MEMORY OR CAN'T FIND
COMMAND.COM**

Displayed in response to the DOS subcommand of the command processor (F9) when COMMAND.COM cannot be found, or there is insufficient memory to load it.

INVALID DRIVE NAME

Displayed when the drive name you have specified is not a valid drive recognized by DOS.

INVALID NUMBER

Displayed in response to the commands that prompt for a number. The number is invalid if it is not a proper number or the number is out of the allowed range.

INVALID FILE NAME

Displayed if an invalid filename is given on the command line from DOS.

INVALID SEARCH & REPLACE ARGUMENTS

Improper characters appeared at the end of the *find-and-replace* command. Following the last Alt-F or Ctrl-F in the

command, the only character allowed is an asterisk (indicating global, non-interactive, operation).

NOT ENOUGH MEMORY TO EXPAND TABS

Displayed when there is insufficient memory to expand tabs; a file with tabs expanded to spaces requires more memory than one in which tabs are represented by a single tab character.

OUTPUT DISK DRIVE FULL

The disk does not have enough available space to accommodate the data the Editor is writing. See the section on Disk Full Problems, page 40.

OUTPUT FILE NOT EMPTY. CONTINUE?

If any characters have been written to the output file (for example, by the F3 W command) and you use the F3 C command (to close the output file), this message is issued as a warning. If you respond Y, the output file is closed using the original filename and the remaining portion of the file is later saved under a new name.

TWO BLOCK MARKERS NEEDED

You've requested a block operation without having a pair of block markers set.