
Subject: dbase II problem

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I've got a dBase II program that's giving a bit of trouble. Here's a portion of it. It's supposed to be a menu that reads an option entered by the user. As long as a valid option is entered, the program functions correctly. When an invalid option is entered, the program abends and returns the user to the dBase II prompt.

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SET ECHO OFF
SET EXACT ON
SET TALK OFF
SET BELL OFF
SET CONFIRM OFF
SET INTENSITY OFF
STORE ' ' TO OPTION
STORE ' ' TO EXIT
ERASE
DO WHILE EXIT = 'F'
    @ 1,35 SAY 'CLASS ABCD'
    @ 3,10 SAY 'LOGIN CODE'
    .           Format the rest of the screen.
    .
    .
READ
DO CASE
    CASE OPTION = 'K'
        DO NUCH
    CASE OPTION = 'N'
        DO COMD
    .           Based on user entry DO some specified routine.
    .           Now, here's where we're having problems.
    .           It's with the OTHERWISE command:
    OTHERWISE
        ? CHR(7)
        @ 24,3 SAY '*** INVALID OPTION ***'
ENDCASE
STORE ' ' TO OPTION
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STORE 'F' TO EXIT
ENDDO

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I'd appreciate any help anyone can offer. Thanks a lot. Also, we've tried to find some documentation to answer the problem -- and were unsuccessful. If you have some, could you reference it? Again, thanks.

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dBase does not save a file until the next USE is issued. I have noticed some erratic problems with adding new data to files, and trying to get it back immediately. A kludge to work around the problem of retrieving recently used records is to give one or more USE commands, and re-use the original file. The USE is supposed to write out the file, but I say 'one or more' because it may take a few to work. I hope you are not working with a canned program. The use command involves overhead by writing to the disk.