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:

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