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TOPIC ---

Sometimes, when I use the control-S feature to examine a Basic program listing,
I get a SYNTAX ERROR after typing the next line. What causes this?

DISCUSSION --

This happens because you accidentally typed an extra control-S after the program
was through listing. This extra control-S is put into the input buffer like any
other characters and, since no Basic command starts with a control-S, you get a
SYNTAX ERROR.

Typing the left-arrow key until the Apple generates a new prompt line will
insure that there is no control-S in the buffer. Alternatively, try to be more
careful while typing control characters: holding down the key just a little too
long WILL eventually cause more than one character to be generated.

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