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TOPIC ---

What causes a keyboard to act sporadically on a given machine? I have a
Macintosh IIcx, and any keyboard connected to it eventually begins to act
strangely. It throws characters and mistypes them. When ports are changed,
the same thing happens. Is there anything wrong with the system file?

DISCUSSION ------------------------------------

We suspect that the problem resides in the logic board of this specific
Macintosh. Since using the other ADB port on this specific board did not work,
we suggest running diagnostics on the logic board. An alternative would be to
replace the board to see if the problems remain. It is quite likely that the
hardware that controls the Apple Desktop Bus is intermittently failing.

If this does not resolve the problem, you can try using the Control Panel and
resetting parameter RAM. You should also set the keyboard settings to their
slowest level and then back to the desired settings. Parameter RAM does contain
settings that can affect the performance of the keyboard.

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