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New Q&As this month:

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Is there a way to disable the force quit option from System 7?

The force quit is handled by calling SysErr with an error code (or selector) of 20002 (0x4E22). The error code is passed in register D0. A simple patch to this trap, and a check for that selector will allow you to abort its function:

```
***** DontForceQuit *****
```

```
INCLUDE      'traps.a'
INCLUDE      'SysEqu.a'
INCLUDE      'SysErr.a'
```

```
kSysError    EQU    $A9C9
```

```
PatchIt      PROC                EXPORT      ;Apps invoke this by calling PATCHIT() in C;
```

IMPORT	MySysError	;Trap patch code
IMPORT	OldSysError	;Pointer to original Trap Code

; This trap patcher leaves the patch in the app heap
; it will be unpatched when the app quits. For a persistent
; patch, the patch must be installed at INIT time in the system heap

```
    lea        OldSysError,a1    ;get the address of the pointer saver
    move.w     #kSysError,d0     ;now get address of SysError routine
    _GetTrapAddress ,NEWTOOL
    move.l     a0,(a1)           ;save it for later
    move.w     #kSysError,d0     ;set up trap num
    lea        MySysError,a0     ;set up new trap address
    _SetTrapAddress ,NEWTOOL     ;install the patch
    rts                          ;exit
```

ENDP

MySysError PROC EXPORT

IMPORT OldSysError

```
    cmpi.w     #20002,d0         ;first, check for the right selector
    bne.s      PassItOn         ;if not ours, let the real SysError have it
    rts                          ;if selector matches, return to sender
```

PassItOn

```
    move.l     OldSysError,-(sp) ;leave all registers unmolested
    rts
```

ENDP

OldSysError PROC EXPORT

DC.L 0

ENDP

END