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Some Apple IIGS's will not reset when 'hung'.

The Apple IIGS has two levels of user reset: warm and cold. For a warm reset, hold down the 'Control' key and press and release the 'Reset' key. A 'cold' reset, which is a machine restart, requires you to hold down the 'Control' and 'Apple' keys and press and release the 'Reset' key, which makes the machine reboot as if it were just turned on.

The computer can't possibly recognize these resets usually when an application has bombed and hung the machine. The reset acts like any other keystroke in this case; moreover, if you already have some of the other keys pressed and waiting in the keyboard micro, the reset must wait its turn.

Remedy this problem with clearing the keyboard buffer by holding down the keys control and Apple and then pressing the backspace key. You can then press the reset sequence you want and the Apple IIGS can recognize it.

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