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"Year 2000 Compliance"

We are responding to your recent inquiries regarding the Year 2000 and any possible effects on the proper operation of TOPS software. TOPS currently manufactures four software packages:

TOPS for Windows
TOPS Pro for Windows
MaxLoad v1.3
MaxLoad Pro

All four of these software packages are Y2K compliant, as they neither use nor compare dates. However, any version of TOPS prior to 3.55 uses a 2-digit year format. The only issue you will have with any 2 digit year format will be the number 100 displayed where the number 2000 should be. If you are a MVP customer please send back your disks for an update to the latest version which displays four digit dates. If you have no MVP with your product please contact us at 972.881.8677 for update information. TOPS Engineering can not provide an update free of charge for individuals who do not have a MVP account because the date display on a screen or printout will not affect product performance.

MaxLoad 1.3 uses a two-digit date format. TOPS Engineering will not release any fix for this application, as MaxLoad Pro is the update for MaxLoad.

MaxLoad Pro uses a four-digit date format.

TOPS and MaxLoad use the industry standard 'C Time' libraries. With the use of 'C Time', TOPS and MaxLoad will no longer function when the CPU clock reaches the year 2038. If you have questions about 'C Time' please contact your IS team or feel free to contact TOPS Technical Support.

TOPS Technical support has tested the use of 'C Time' by changing the system clock then logging into the before mentioned software packages at the following years: 1999, 2015, 2030, 2035, 2038, 2040, and 2099. All TOPS Products ceased functionality at the year 2038.

Sincerely,

TOPS Technical Support Staff