

# CLOSE WORK FILE

<code>CLOSE WORK [FILE] work-file-number</code>
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This chapter covers the following topics:

- Function
- Syntax Description
- Example

For an explanation of the symbols used in the syntax diagram, see *Syntax Symbols*.

Related Statements: `DEFINE WORK FILE` | `READ WORK FILE` | `WRITE WORK FILE`

Belongs to Function Group: *Control of Work Files / PC Files*

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## Function

The statement `CLOSE WORK FILE` is used to close a specific work file. It allows you to explicitly specify in a program that a work file is to be closed.

A work file is closed automatically:

- When command mode is reached.
- When an end-of-file condition occurs during the execution of a `READ WORK FILE` statement.
- Before a `DEFINE WORK FILE` statement is executed which assigns another file to the work file number concerned.

## Syntax Description

Syntax Element	Description
<code>work-file-number</code>	The number of the work file (as defined to Natural) to be closed.

## Example

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** Example 'CWFEX1': CLOSE WORK FILE
*****
DEFINE DATA LOCAL
1 W-DAT      (A20)
1 REC-NUM   (N3)
1 I         (P3)
END-DEFINE
*
REPEAT
  READ WORK FILE 1 ONCE W-DAT /* READ MASTER RECORD
```

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/*
AT END OF FILE
  ESCAPE BOTTOM
END-ENDFILE
INPUT 'PROCESSING FILE' W-DAT (AD=0)
  / 'ENTER RECORDNUMBER TO DISPLAY' REC-NUM
IF REC-NUM = 0
  STOP
END-IF
  FOR I = 1 TO REC-NUM
  /*
  READ WORK FILE 1 ONCE W-DAT
  /*
  AT END OF FILE
    WRITE 'RECORD-NUMBER TOO HIGH, LAST RECORD IS'
    ESCAPE BOTTOM
  END-ENDFILE
END-FOR
I := I - 1
WRITE 'RECORD' I ':' W-DAT
/*
CLOSE WORK FILE 1
/*
END-REPEAT
END
```