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## Microsoft Word: Recovering Documents After a Crash

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If your system crashes while Microsoft Word is running, documents that were open at the time of the crash can be recovered.

When you restart after the crash, you should find one or more Word temporary files on your disk (probably in the System folder). The names of these files have the form:

- MWnnn (Word 1.0 or 1.05), or
- Word Temp n (Word 3.0)

Word can't read these temporary files until you use a utility program to change the temporary file's file type from WTMP to WDBN. Here's how to use FEDIT PLUS to make the change:

1. Make a backup copy of the temporary file. Just in case.
2. Start FEDIT PLUS.
3. Select Open File from the File menu.
4. Open the temporary file.
5. Select Display Sector in Hex from the Display menu.
6. Select File Finder Attributes from the Display menu.
7. The File Type field is highlighted (it's probably WTMP). Type WDBN then click Change.
8. To confirm the change, close all windows. Start again at step 3 and see if the file type is now WDBN.

9. Click Cancel; Quit FEDIT PLUS.

Word should now be able to open the file. Changes made since the last time you saved won't be there, but the file should be complete otherwise.

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