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At work, we have Excel 2002 (XP). When I type in numbers, it's in automatic calculation. Provided as long as I'm not switching back and forth between IE and Excel, for when Excel is calculating given it's in automatic mode, it still allows me to type in a number in the next cell by stop calculation until after I have pressed the enter key, then it restarts it's calculations again.

At home, I have Excel 2003. Same type of setup, but the only difference, once it starts calculating, it locks me out from putting any new numbers until it's done calculating. This means, if I have any set of numbers to put in, I have to put it into manual calculation, then enter the numbers in the various cells, then put it back into automatic.

Yes, I could do the Alt-Ctrl-F9 after I put in the numbers, but why should I have it setup that way otherwise. I have one file, which is my financial file. Pressing the "F9" key by itself is not trustworthy as it rarely ever calculates everything within the instance of Excel that the "F9" key is pressed.

Here's my question: How can I get my Excel 2003 program give the same calculation behavior as what the Excel 2002 at work does for me? Excel 2003 at home always locks me out for the duration of the calculation while the only time when Excel 2002 locks me out through the duration of calculations is when I am switching back and forth between IE and Excel, which doesn't happen too often.

Technically, this financial file has gotten to the point that it really needs to be converted to a DB program. The generic DB programs that's out there are just that. They are so generic that I would only be able to do a small portion of what I have within my Excel file. Access does have the capacities that I would need, but it is a bear to have to deal setting up cause for it to be setup and for it to work not only for keyboard users, but also for mouse users while maintaining a stringent error checking procedure in place, I had to create my own custom error checking program within Access, unbind every single form and control in the FE file from the related tables and fields respectively in the BE files, along with several other issues that I have ran into within the Access Jet DB Engine, it's just a bear to have to deal with it all. The Edit mode doesn't work too well on

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the Access Jet Engine while in DAO mode, and the alternative mode of ADO, it lacks the dynamic cursor keyset mode cause it's still going through the Access Jet Engine, which in some cases makes it nearly impossible to deal with in a multi-user environment. I can more than likely overlook this last one for this file in particular given it would be just me for the most part using the file, but for what I have went on to setup at work in Access, it's been rough, but yet, in some ways, it's the only thing I been able to do as our IT department doesn't seem to want to change anything in the main DB program for supposed fear of upgrades, but yet, the upgrades hasn't even taken place in the last 4 years minimally.

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