Dear computer,

Though we have been companions since the first week of school and acquaintances for many years before that, I’m not sure how much longer I can maintain our relationship. While there are many facets of our relationship that I really like, there are also many aspects that really try my patience. I think the time has come for us to make some changes.

Our relationship is supposed to be one of mutual benefit: I look after you, and you help me. Unfortunately, this is far from the reality. In actuality, the situation is much more one-sided. You are supposed to be a help to my learning, but often you are more of a hindrance. You are supposed to be making things go faster, but many times you just make them take longer; and this is just the beginning of the long list of problems between us.

* + You take an unnecessarily long time bringing up the pages that I need.
  + Even once you have brought them up, you move through them so slowly, it is ridiculous.
  + You hurt my eyes and give me headaches.
  + You act like you’re smarter than I am, telling me I’ve done things I actually haven’t and refusing to do things I ask of you, as though you always know better .
  + You make people depend on you for everything, to the extent that many people can’t do anything on their own anymore, not math, grammar, spelling, remembering information, or even keeping track of things, and I feel you are pulling me into the same snare, as well.
  + You shut down of your own accord, often at the most inopportune times, losing my work and making it impossible for me to complete my homework.
  + You often stop working for no apparent reason.
  + I feel like you are taking over my life.
  + It seems that so often when I really need you, to connect to the internet, to save something, even to do something as simple as printing, you don’t respond.
  + You let me down just when I need you the most.

I have tried to understand you. I have sought advice from friends and family on how we might better work together, but it seems my efforts are in vain. Just when I think we are getting along, you surprise me with another unfathomable quirk of your character.I have tried to be agreeable and do things your way. I have gone out of my way to accommodate you, spending hours at a time away from my home and family so that you could feel connected and we could hopefully work together in harmony, and yet, so often, you *still* don’t respond to my efforts, but merely repay my sacrifices with more stubborn, unreasoning un-cooperation.I think I have gone far above and beyond any reasonable expectations with my efforts to make this relationship work. Your efforts, on the other hand, have been negligible.

I feel that terminating our relationship immediately would be in the best interests of both of us. I will simply have to find other ways to complete my schoolwork. I got along just fine without you before, and I can do it again. Besides, now that I am gone, maybe you can find happiness with someone who knows how to push your buttons properly. We will both be much happier apart, living our lives as we see best, without influence from each other. Erase me from your memory, and don’t even think of trying to interfere in my life again.

With utmost sincerity,

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