

Re: free cell

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Annie,

There have been several posts in the past regarding issues with Freecell. Jimmy S. posted a comprehensive list of possible work-arounds that I've copied and included below.

"A few causes of Solitaire, Free Cell, and other games failing: [Thanks to +Elmo_Tech for collecting most of these tips :-)]

- Free Cell was locking up until, by reading a message on this Newsgroup, I turned off IMGICON.EXE on the Start Menu (Control/Alt/Delete). By instruction from Iomega, after trying updated download for the Iomega Zip drive, I did a search for IMGICON.EXE and deleted it. It works now.
- Solitaire Caused General Protection Fault in Module:
<http://support.microsoft.com/support/kb/articles/q234/4/30.asp>
- General Protection Fault When Starting Microsoft Solitaire:
<http://support.microsoft.com/support/kb/articles/q237/9/00.asp>
- Problems Running FreeCell And Solitaire with Office XP Installed:
<http://support.microsoft.com/support/kb/articles/q304/4/02.asp>
- Freecell FAQ: <http://home.swipnet.se/staffan/fcfaq.htm>
- For more KB articles try: <http://www.generation.net/~hleboeuf/solitair.htm>
- Press Ctrl/Alt-Delete, click Point32 to highlight, and click End Task You may lose mouse acceleration and scrolling selections till you reboot.
- Reinstall the game(s): To Install or Uninstall Windows 9x Games:

Click START / Settings / Control Panel / Add-Remove Programs / Click on the Windows Setup tab and double-click Accessories. Check the box beside Games, then click OK / click OK again. You'll need your Windows 98 Setup CD to complete the installation unless the win98 .cab files directory was saved on your hard drive.

To see if it's a software conflict: Temporarily disable Startup programs one at a time, starting with Firewall, Antivirus, and ad blockers using:
<http://new.jtsoft2001.com/windows/startup.php>

You can lookup what a program does before you disable it here:
http://www.pacs-portal.co.uk/startup_pages/startup_full.htm

KNOWN SOFTWARE THAT CAUSES CONFLICTS:

"Have you also installed McAfee VirusScan's latest version? Malfunctioning in Freecell and Solitaire is a known problem for them, and they suggest a solution on their site."

- AVG does the same thing.. Disable before you start the game.
- Slow Spider Solitaire: "If I open "Start",and then "Help" Spider Solitaire works fine. That is I must run "Help" while I'm playing Spider Solitaire."
- Pop Up stoppers.
- Cookie Crushers.
- PGP.
- Mouse pointers.. Use default, or less-active pointers.
- IE 6.
- Iomega zipdisk program conflict with IE6. An article: "..a post on here a couple of weeks ago that suggested that this has to do with a Iomega Zip disk file that you have running. IMGICON.EXE This is loaded from the StartUp folder as Zip Disk Icons. (or it was on my PC) Hit Ctrl - Alt - Del and see if it's running."
- Cleansweep's usage monitor. Disable."

Hope this helps.

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Thanks,
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"annie" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:14bc401c414fe\$d5ad9c70\$a501280a@phx.gbl...

> I reinstalled my windows 98 SE and now my free cell game
> doesn't work. it opens, and you can set up a game but the
> hour glass just keeps spinning, and you can't play the
> game as the cursor never appears. I tried reinstalling it
> a few times and to no avail. I can't find any info on the
> microsoft website. Please advise!!! thanks, annie