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I'm not sure that you are asking for help on your problems in the right place. Understanding the 'BIOS' setup, (F2) or the Repair features (F8) may require a level of technical expertise you haven't yet acquired. Perhaps you can find a local expert to show you some of the basics. What you report seems to indicate a file or disk corruption problem. If it continues, you should seek local help.

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Thanks for your advise, Mark.

I still have that happening once in a while, and I have been resolving it by turning off the computer and then turning it on again. Sometimes it takes a few tun ons/turn offs before the screen comes back to normal

I suspect the reason for that is that I shut down the computer too soon after I close too many programs that I have been working with and then close them all. Maybe I do not wait enough after closing the programs for them to settle. That makes sense? I notice that the issue comes back when I close too many programs at the same time, and then I shut down the computer maybe too soon (I shut down the computer normally, but maybe too soon?). Then it happens next time that I start the computer for my next work session.

Mark, your second advise below seems drastic. People who are not computer savvy like myself probably would like to avoid that approach.

Maybe I will try the F8 button sometimes.

In one of the earlier screens, before the Windows moving thing appears, I get a windows with the F2 shown on the lower right hand corner of the screen

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I think is the first screen after I start it, and which I can push (apparently). What is the F2 for?

Thanks again.

"Mark L. Ferguson" <MarkLFerguson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:6C87CC95-EA2F-459B-842F-D1B8B890588E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Your first attempt to fix it should be to press F8 during the 'black screen' portion of a restart, (right after the BIOS screen). The Safe Mode menu will have a "Startup Repair" item you should try.

If no help, you might find a 'bang' or exclamation point icon on one of your devices in Control Panel, Device Manager. Use the Action menu there to "Uninstall" the driver, and then 'scan for hardware changes'

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Sometimes when I start my computer with Vista Ultimate, the "Microsoft Corporation" rectangle that appears on my desktop refuses to disappear and stays there on and on indefinitely (it is the thing rectangle with the dashed vertical lines inside it that move from left to right, and the rectangle has underneath it written the words "Microsoft Corporation").

Most of the times, under normal circumstances, the rectangle stays there a little while and then disappears to give way to my normal desktop window.

But on the occasions when it stays there, with the vertical lines moving and without disappearing, what I then do is turn off the computer and then after a little while I turn it on again. Then I get the (DOS?) window with the options asking me if I want to start the computer in "safe mode", which I accept and enter and then the computer starts normally this time.

This does not happens every time when I start, but it does happens occasionally to say that it is becoming annoying. I have been noticing this for about two months or so.

What is the reason for this?

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Any way to avoid it or remedy it? (it is related to any of the Windows Updates? I think that I began to notice it after one of the Updates, but I am not positive about this assumption of mine).

Thanks in advance.