

## Re: Lower right hand icon display

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On Mon, 9 Feb 2004 03:57:43 -0500, Clavin Schwindt wrote:

- > *I had this "green square" appear along with a total 'freezing' of my*
- > *TaskBar/Quick Launch. Desk Top icons were still operational. My green stayed*
- > *a solid shade and I finally used the power switch to shut down. I, too,*
- > *would like to know what is the cause. CGS*
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- > *CGS' web site is at:*
- > *www.geocities.com/cgs716ll/index.html*
- > *"Doug Knox MS-MVP" <dknox@mvps.org> wrote in message*
- > *news:OkpN9Xm7DHA.1936@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...*
- > *Try double clicking or right clicking the icon to open the program itself.*
- > *There is not enough information to assist you with what it may be.*

Green square? Do you have Task Manager set to "hide when minimized"? This setting removes the taskbar button and only shows a small square icon next to the clock Task Manager. A square that is entirely green indicates high CPU activity. Double click the square to get the Task Manager screen displayed.

Once Task Manager is up, go to the Processes page. Click the CPU column to sort the processes according to CPU usage. Take note of the process name that's running away with your CPU cycles.

If malware or virus, take the necessary steps required to remove it. If it's software that you normally use, check for updates. If the problem continues and the application is allowed to run in the background, disable the startup feature and run it only when needed.

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