

Re: Colour settings

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osmodia wrote:

No, goodness me! I mean turning off the power AFTER normal Windows shutdown!

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By "turn off my PC at the mains" do you mean that you are powering down your PC by just turning off the power instead of using Windows shutdown? If so, this may be your problem. The Windows shutdown saves changes that you've made such as to the colour settings. Just turning off the power does not allow Windows to save those changes. (Just turning off the power can also eventually cause corruption to your hard disk, forcing you to rebuild the system.)

Brian

"osmodia" <osmodia@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:Dqq1h.22722\\$gO3.5707@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:Dqq1h.22722$gO3.5707@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi,
I keep losing my colour settings! it seems to have started happening when I started to turn off my PC at the mains. Leave it off for a couple of days and when turning on I have to go into Control Panel and reset all the colours! I suspected battery, but my dealer says no. Any ideas out there?
Also, does anyone know of a easy to use bit of software to set up colours? Gamma etc?

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That probably has nothing to do with you losing your color settings. Your next troubleshooting step depends on what you mean by "losing the color settings". If you mean that you go from 24/32-bit color to 8/16-bit color, then:

A. Update the video drivers. Never get drivers from Windows Update. Get them from:

1. The device mfr.'s website; OR
2. The motherboard mfr.'s website if hardware is onboard; OR
3. The OEM's website for your specific machine if you have an OEM computer (HP, Dell, Sony, etc.).

Read the installation instructions on the website where you get the drivers.

To find out what hardware is in your computer:

1. Read any documentation you got when you bought the computer.
2. If the computer is OEM, go to the OEM's website for your specific model machine and look at the specs (you'll be there to get the drivers anyway)
3. Download, install and run a free system inventory program like Belarc Advisor. The older Aida32 is good for this, too.

http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html – Belarc Advisor
<http://www.aumha.org/free.htm> – Aida32 (hosted on Jim Eshelman's site)

B. If updating the video drivers doesn't solve the problem, swap out the video card for a known-working one. If that solves the problem, replace the original card since it is failing.

If this is not what you meant, then please post back with a better explanation of what "losing the color settings" means.

Malke

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