

error message on start up

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when i turn on my pc at the wall (windows xp) the on button is always on, dont know if thats a problem but its just happening lately. my main problem is when the start up screen comes up i get an error message saying "bad check sum" i can either press f1 to continue or del to set up. i havent a clue and im not a whiz with computers so i just press f1 and ignore it. anyone know what this is please? thanks :)

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