

Re: Start up problem novice requires help

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Hi Cleethorpes,
if you can I would first try connecting another monitor to the computer and see what happens.
If you get the same problem then it is probably the graphics card. Is it 'onboard' graphics or seperate?

If it is onboard then buy a new graphics card (if your computer is only 2 years old then any cheap AGP card will do (if you are not gaming that is) about £20 to £30 should do it. Open the side of the computer, slot the card in to the only slot that it will fit in (usually the top big one and brown). You might need to change the Bios settings to use it.
Sorted.
Good Luck,

P.S. If you live in Cleethorpes and you need someone to do this for you let me know.
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"Telesales Pete "No Expert!!!"
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if at first you dont succeed try try LINUX!!!

Please take my answers anyway you like, i am no expert but i do like to try
and help anyone i can ;-)

"cleethorpes" wrote:

Yesterday I posted a plea for help today the problem got worse. when I switch
my computer on the monitor goes into standby, I have to use the power
on/off

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switch to keep trying until the monitor kicks in a lights up. Today after a few attempts I got a band of colored squares & numbers along the bottom, the next time the whole screen was full of colored squares the next time a black screen with just a flashing cursor in the top Lh corner. I have now got the screen to light up, but am afraid of switching the computer off in case it won't restart. yesterday someone said look in the device manager for an exclamation mark against the graphics but I could find no mention of graphics. any advice please before I have to pay a pro. my computer is 2yrs old I got it direct from the manufacturers who have gone out of business