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You have a virus or other malware.

[[When you open System Configuration Utility [MSCONFIG], Registry Editor or Task Manager, they flash for a second and quit. This symptom is caused by Viruses.]]

Task Manager, MSCONFIG, or REGEDIT disappear while opening <http://www.mvps.org/sramesh2k/ToolsQuit.htm>

UPDATE your antivirus software and run a full system scan.

UPDATE whatever anti-spyware applications that you have and run a full system scan with each one.

You might want to start in Safe Mode to run your antivirus and anti-spyware software.

Running a full system antivirus scan or anti-spyware scan in Safe Mode can be a good idea. Some viruses and other malware like to conceal themselves in areas Windows protects while using them. Safe mode will prevent those applications access and therefore unprotect the viruses or other malware allowing for easier removal.

How to start Windows in Safe Mode Windows XP  
<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/index.php?showtutorial=61#winxo>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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[hook.steven@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:hook.steven@xxxxxxxxxx) <[hook.steven@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:hook.steven@xxxxxxxxxx)> hunted and pecked:

Hey,  
A friend of mine was having trouble with his pc, display drivers were

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doing unexpected things and I just couldn't get it right. So I did a repair intall of XP (sp1 incl) and then it worked really well, so I installed SP2 from my standard download that I always use, and Symantec AV, and when I reboot it just shows the desktop, no icons, no start bar, I can open task manager, <shift><ctrl><esc>, now I've had it before that you can manually start explorer.exe from there, but this time, when you start it it opens, the task manager flashes accross the bottom and then goes away.

Any Ideas or tips of clues?

I'd really appreciate it, the machine was at long last set up so well!

I don't want to start again from scratch!

Steven