

Re: My windows wont start up at all

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maybe your friend is not pressing f8 at the right time.

basically, the laptop needs to be shut down. then immediately after powering up, the f8 key needs to be pressed down, either pushing it repeatedly and quickly or holding it down all together.

if it still doesn't work, then you should boot up with a windows cd and go into the recovery console run at the c prompt and run each of the commands below:

chkdsk

&then

fixmbr

&then

fixboot

&then

exit

then try to reboot

if no windows cd is avail, then your friend needs to go the website for the laptop and research the instructions/faq's on restoring

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the operating system.

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"Helpmeplease" <Helpmeplease@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:8D6EC2AE-F695-4C2D-AB3C-0ADBBF95E53B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx pressing f8 does nothing, shes tried all of the buttons, and none do anything.

"db" wrote:

- > ok?
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- > pressing f8 and check your drive?
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- > the instructions seems to be lacking
- > something.....
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- > here is some helpful information:
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 - > <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/315222>:
 - > To use a Safe Boot option, follow these steps:
 - > 1. Restart your computer and start pressing the F8 key on your keyboard. On a computer that is configured for booting to multiple operating systems, you can press the F8 key when the Boot Menu appears.
 - > 2. Select an option when the Windows Advanced Options menu appears, and then press ENTER.
 - > 3. When the Boot menu appears again, and the words "Safe Mode" appear in blue at the bottom, select the installation that you want to start, and then press ENTER.
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you can try to uninstall limewire or do the steps above and try a system restore. – db

- > "Helpmeplease" <Helpmeplease@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:771E9DA1-A86D-4541-B58C-54B2F73E1C47@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- > My friend downloaded limewire onto my laptop and now when they try to turn
- > their computer on it goes to a blue screen and says that theres an error
- > because of hardware/software recently loaded onto the comp. Ive told her to
- > try and press F8 to check her harddrive but she says that no buttons make
- > anything respond. Are there anyways to fix this?