

Re: Disabled video card

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Hi ksutton,

Odd that your system doesn't resort to using the Standard VGA adapter. If your system gives you a visible display when you boot into either Safe Mode or Safe Mode with Command Prompt, try doing a System Restore to a point that precedes your having disabled the video card. The navigation to System Restore is the same for Safe Mode as it is when your computer starts normally. To start the System Restore tool from a Command Prompt, see this MSKB article:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=304449>

Regards,

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"ksutton in San Diego" <ksutton in San Diego@discussions.microsoft.com>
wrote in message news:0132A85E-CF84-4910-BB69-332433DC374C@microsoft.com...
> I did something *very* dumb and need help fixing it. I disabled my video
> card by going to Properties/Settings/Advanced/Adapter/Properties Device
> usage: (do not use this device (disable)). I then rebooted and now
> there's
> no display. I know it's booting up OK because I see the Windows XP
> display
> as it's booting, but then the screen goes blank when the login screen
> appears. I (blindly) type the password and I hear it booting up.
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> So...my question is, does anyone know how to (blindly) re-enable a video
> card? I tried having an XP machine side-by-side and hit combinations of
> TAB
> and ENTER to try to re-enable it without luck. I need some quick
> shortcut
> or simple way of re-enabling it.
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> Any help would be *greatly* appreciated.