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Thanks for replying, YET AGAIN. I really appreciate it. Just a few points:

No, it doesn't make me feel any better that you're having problems of your own -- my condolences.

Low and behold, this morning my printer decided to make an appearance, just as it always did before my problems began. I'll just let sleeping dogs lie. So I won't try any more fixes until the printer is, once again, a no show (I'm just guessing -- tomorrow morning?).

I firmly believe there are gremlins inside my computer whose sole purpose is to make my life miserable and waste an inordinate amount of my time trying to fix things, rather than do something productive or entertaining -- which is sort of the whole point of owning this thing and paying 50 bucks a month for cable access.

For example, for about 3 years I've been living with the fact that, upon starting or rebooting, my desktop display INVARIABLY shows up fine for about 15 seconds, goes black, and immediately comes back with the color quality at the minimum setting. Then, also invariably, if I just let it sit until the screensaver takes over the display, I then move my mouse and it's fine again. Otherwise, I have to go to Control Panel, Display, and reset color quality back to maximum. I once had an "expert" in India remotely take control of my computer, while I had him on the phone for (I kid you not) about 4 hours. I watched as he did all the usual stuff of reloading the the ATI Radeon driver directly from the manufacturer's website, etc, etc. Bottom line, it still doesn't work and I've just learned to live with it. FYI, Dell's "experts" suggested that I purge the entire operating system and reload from scratch. Fat chance I'd risk crashing the whole bloody thing to MAYBE fix a problem which, given enough time upon reboot, fixes itself. Hope my rant didn't bore you.

I'm no expert, like yourself, so most of the error messages I get may as well be Greek, in which I'm not conversant. So, I added your website to my "Favorites" so I can browse though any other "articles" as and when I'll no doubt need them.

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Thanks, Alex

"Cari (MS-MVP)" wrote:

Try stopping the Spooler Service and see whether it will let you delete it then. Don't forget to restart it afterwards (or a reboot should start it automatically)

http://www.coribright.com/windows/Article_Nine.htm

If it makes you feel better, I'm currently adding a printer to my own network, but the driver from Canon is downloading sooooo slowly, I'm afraid I'll be asleep before it arrives. I could walk into the other room and pick up the CD, but just in case it's a later driver, I decided to go to Canon's website instead. I guess that was a really bad idea! I just treated myself to a Canon imageProGraf ip6100. It's HUGE. The only thing it's printed up until now is its test page. It took us about two hours to get it out of the box, and two of us to carry it to its new location. Another hour to load all 12 ink tanks... and sort itself out... and then about 20 minutes to find out how to install the first roll of paper! My ip4300 and ip6700 are definitely much quicker to work with!

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