

## Re: Server 2003 Restart

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The Window of opportunity to invoke the F8 options on a naked Windows 2003 installation is extremely small. Generally, holding down the F8 key will not work – you have to repeatedly stab it and hope that you hit it at exactly the right time. One thing you can try is installing the Recovery Console from the CD. This will give you a startup menu and you can then select Windows Server 2003, hit Enter, and immediately hit F8.

If you still cannot get the F8 options, the Recovery Console is not much help because we have no idea what is causing the problem. In that case you may have no choice but to boot to the CD and attempt a repair or repair install.

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"Vic" <[vcawthorne@hhsdr.com](mailto:vcawthorne@hhsdr.com)> wrote in message  
news:07fb01c4aadf\$1710c360\$a601280a@phx.gbl...  
> *Last night I remotely tried to restart a server running*  
> *Server 2003. No new software or hardware was added.*  
> *Just a restart. During boot up the server eventually*  
> *comes to a Windows Server 2003 splash screen and then the*  
> *monitor screen goes blank. I can ping the server but*  
> *can't access it locally or remotely. During the restart*  
> *process I selected one of the planned restart options.*  
> *During startup we are only given the options to go into a*  
> *utility mode or system configuration mode. It doesn't*  
> *seem to give me the option of a different startup mode so*  
> *I can do a last known good configuration or safe mode.*  
> *Any ideas on what to do next?*  
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