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How Did My Task Bar Move?

Look down at the bottom of your monitor. The bar running completely along here is called the Task Bar. Already knew that? Great. Have you ever found this bar to move to the left, right or top of your screen? It can very easily be moved and just as easily moved back. Place your mouse somewhere on the taskbar where there are no words or icons. Hold the left button down and don't let go. Drag the bar back to the bottom (you will not see it actually move) and it will pop back into place. You can prevent this from happening by mistake. Right-click on the taskbar and make sure there is a check mark next to the "Lock The Taskbar" option.

Why Is My Monitor Flashing?

There are a few reasons why your monitor is misbehaving. It may be in save power mode in which case I suggest pressing the Windows Key on your keyboard followed by the Enter Key. This should wake your monitor up. Now go to the Control Panel / Display / Screen Saver / Power Options. Make sure all the options are set to NEVER. Another reason may be that you have a loose cable. Do whatever it takes to make sure you have a good connection from the monitor to your computer. Try your computer on a different monitor to see if the monitor has problems. The worst case scenario is that your "video card" has gone bad. This means a trip to your favorite repair shop or person. It may cost \$50 for the part and the shop's time to replace the item. Be sure you are not putting too much money into an older computer. In the long run, it is not worth it.

When Is The Character Case Sensitive?

Many people are confused on when it is imperative to use upper or lower case when typing in a web address, email address or password. It DOES NOT MATTER what case you type in a website address. It can be upper, lower or a combination of both. This is also true with email addresses. It does matter to be precisely correct when typing in a password. This is for security reasons, plus it gives many more options when creating a password. If you type a password in all lower case when you created it, it must be typed in the exact same way when you are logging in. I suggest creating all your passwords in lower case so at least you have one less thing to remember. I know you probably have many places you use a password by now. If you are really smart, you will not use the same password for all your sites. The bad guys already know you may have done this.

Next Issue: What is the difference between web browsers?

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