

Re: [SLE] Lost Suse 9.0 at boot!

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On Sun, 14 Mar 2004, Bob Barnes wrote:

> *I turned off my computer, shouldn't have done that I guess. When I turned
> it on Suse 9.0 with all upgrades went through the text part of the boot,
> when It got to the graphics part I got part of a screen full of vertical
> closely spaced colored lines. When the boot finished, (at least the HD light
> quit flickering) I had a screen full of these multicolored lines and that*

hmmm... what have you been doing before you switched it off? Was this happening just after you upgraded to 9.0? It looks to me that your X setup is hosed. Any chance that your mouse and keyboard are still working after you boot?

> *was it. Stock KDE and stock kernel. Tried the "repair" off cd1, it asked for
> repair login, apparently that's not the same as "regular" login as it
> wouldn't accept my input. Any ideas how to get back into Suse, I kinda
> like it and have put quite a bit of work into customizing for my taste.
> Don't really want to have to reinstall if I don't have to.
>*

You could follow Hartmut's advice and simply log on as root using the rescue boot off of CD1. Or, you could use ctrl-alt-F2 to get to a console from your weird looking monitor output. Then you could log on as root. I think what you need to do in either case is to run sax2 from a console and repair your monitor/graphics card settings. I would also recommend you set the default runlevel to 3 using yast.

HTH, Alex.

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