

Re: Newbie.....all help needed!

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"David" <thunderbolt01@netscape.net> wrote in message
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> Myles wrote:

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>> *Im new to linux, just installed red hat 7.2 onto my laptop. It was currently*

>> *running windows xp and i attempted to install it alongside. After*

>> *installation i re-booted and could not load either OS. After hours of help*

>> *over the phone i finally got linux running. However, half the screen is*

>> *missing. There are no adjustable buttons on my laptop, and it is not the*

>> *resolution, the screen image is fine. The screen is shifted to the right of*

>> *the monitor and the left side is blank. Any help would be appreciated, thank*

>> *you in advance.*

> *It sounds like you need to reconfigure X for your video card and*

> *monitor refresh rates.*

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> *Switch to runlevel 3*

> *This can be done if you login as root and enter:*

> *telinit 3*

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> *Then when it gets to a text login prompt login as root*

> *and answer the questions asked when you run the command:*

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> *xf86config*

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> *Then you can test it by running the command "startx"*

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> *Once you get it setup the way you need it you can switch back to*

> *"runlevel 5" (GUI) with "telinit 5".*

hmmm...just tried that and i must have give the wrong details when it was askin....not startx doesnt run.....:(do you think installing again would make any difference with a more uptodate distro?