



Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.

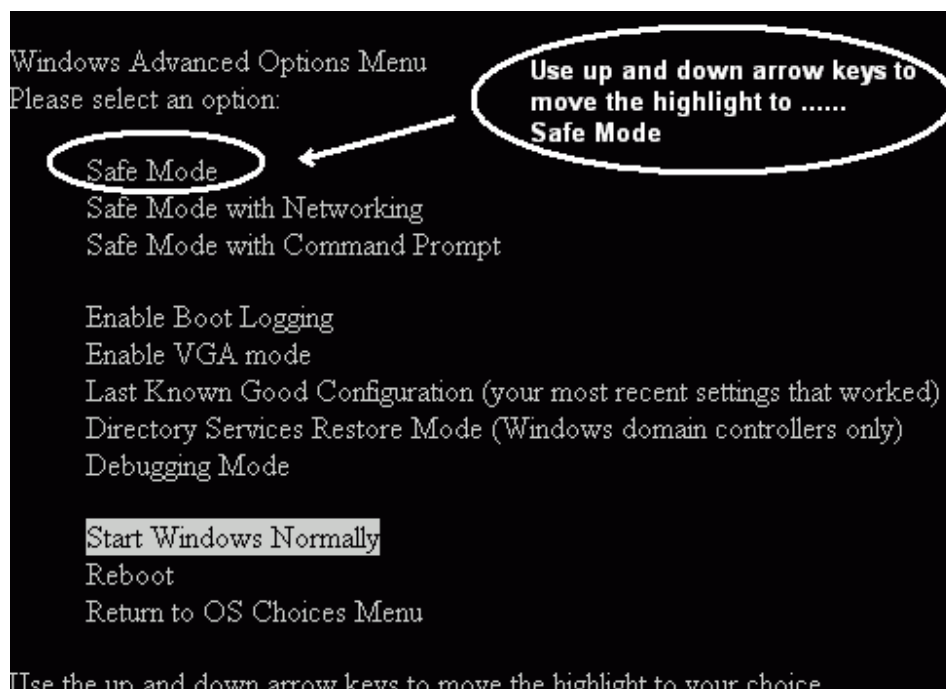
Using Safe Mode.

How do you get into Safe Mode? Very easily. When booting your system, as soon as the first (POST) screen appears showing your memory and hardware information, start pressing 'F8.'

Practical uses for safe mode

Safe Mode slims Windows down, only loading and running specific pieces needed for basic operation. So your video display looks strange in Safe Mode because Windows doesn't load the monitor's specific driver program. This lets you recover from problems caused by buggy drivers you may have just installed. There are other restrictions: you likely can't get online and may not be able to print. But Safe Mode lets you perform tests, fix problems, and install/uninstall programs.

- If installed anti-virus software can't remove a virus, Safe Mode may let it succeed. (Some experts recommend always running virus/spyware scans under Windows in Safe Mode.)
- If defragmenting your hard drive never finishes, Safe Mode may remove programs that keep interrupting it.
- And it lets you erase files that Windows normally says are in use (though only do this when you're sure what you're doing).
- The system restore utility can be accessed in safe mode and used to restore any previous restore point. Simply restart XP in safe mode and go to 'start\all programs \ accessories \ system tools \ system restore' then follow the instructions to restore your system to the point of your choice.



Use the up and down arrow keys to move the highlight to your choice.

Now, this is the fairly obvious part: use the arrow keys to highlight "Safe mode" or "Safe Mode with Networking" (If you are on XP/2000 (the networking means you will be able to get on the internet if you need help) and press ENTER to select it.

Once Windows boots, it will probably look odd because you haven't loaded your video support so it will have funny colors and so forth. Once you are finished with Safe Mode, simply restart the computer and it will automatically reboot into Normal Mode.