

## Pardon my ignorance

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You are doing it correctly. Keep trying. It can be difficult pressing F8 at the exact moment. On most systems you would press F8 as soon as your computer starts up and you still have a black screen. If you see the Windows Logo Screen you are too late. Try this trick. After turning off your computer. Turn it back on and immediately start pressing F8 one time every second, or just hold it down.

>-----Original Message-----  
>Trying to figure out how to boot XP Home in safe mode.  
>All the help files say:  
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>"To start the computer in safe mode  
>You should print these instructions before continuing.  
>They will not be available after you shut your computer  
>down in step 2.  
>1. Click Start, click Shut Down, and then, in the drop-  
>down list, click Shut down.  
>2. In the Shut Down Windows dialog box, click Restart,  
>and then click OK.  
>3. When you see the message Please select the operating  
>system to start, press F8.  
>4. Use the arrow keys to highlight the appropriate safe  
>mode option, and then press ENTER.  
>5. If you have a dual-boot or multiple-boot system,  
>choose the installation that you need to access using  
>the  
>arrow keys, and then press ENTER."  
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>Well, when I click Start, my options are either Log Off  
>or Turn Off the Computer, then I get a Turn off the  
>Computer dialog box. When I select Restart, there is no  
>OK to click, it just restarts. There is no "Please  
>select  
>the operating system to start." Pressing F8 after

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restart

>does not give me boot options, XP just boots up

>normally. I enabled F9 for boot menu but that doesn't

>offer me safe mode either.

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>I really feel clueless. Any help would be most

>appreciated.

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