

Advice on Taming Your Unruly Computer

TRY REBOOTING! By Allen Stein

Now that spring is here and winter is past (hurrah!), computers seem to know that they've been overworked during the long and cold winter months. As a "young man's fancy turns to the ways of love," with the fresh spring air and budding leaves, our computers seem to grow more unruly with each passing day especially if they've been out on the Information Super-Highway unprotected and left open for malicious attacks.

There is an almost magic thing to do to fix many of the crazy errors and problems that seem to haunt these unruly computers. This magic fix is what we Computer Tamers advise as the first thing to do when the computer acts up and gives you trouble.

The computer sometimes gets its memory and personality a little clogged up and the best "laxative" for it is the REBOOT. So when the computer seems prone to errors and is acting a little strange do a reboot first. This may take care of its errors and problems and actually give it a new lease on life and clear out the stale memory cells.

If the reboot doesn't do it, the computer is suffering from more serious problems such as infections from viruses and spyware or even worse a hard drive fatigue and may be ready to have a HD-attack so remember to backup your data often.

If this is the case, you may need to call for help and get a professional to diagnose the symptoms and do some serious unruly computer taming.

But before you get upset and frustrated, first close all your open programs and reboot the computer. This may be what it needs; a good reboot and you're in happy computing valley once again.

Reboot may be the best taming skill you have for unruly computers.

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