

"Advanced Boot Options" screen -- Windows 7

What is it?

This screen will give you several options to try to fix a computer that is not functioning properly, or to "restore" your computer to an earlier time/date when it was working properly.

When might you want to use it?

At any time or point when your computer will not, or is not functioning properly.

Where do you find this screen?

For a Win 7 operating system "continuously tap" the F-8 key immediately after you push the power button to start up your computer. This will bring up the **Advanced Boot Options** screen.

What's offered?

A number of options are offered, but for the "layman" the two important options are **Repair your Computer** and **Safe Mode** (with networking, if desired).

By selecting the "**Repair Your Computer**" option, Windows will bring up another screen entitled "**System Recovery Options**". It may take a moment or two for this screen to appear, be patient. By selecting the "**Startup Repair**" option Windows will automatically attempt to fix a problem that is preventing Windows from starting.

In selecting "**System Restore**" Windows will attempt to revert your computer to an earlier time or date when your computer was functioning properly. *Refer to the **System Restore** handout sheet for info on using this option.*

Why might you want to use one of these options?

Rather than just taking your computer to a repair shop, or calling in a "techie", using one of these options could literally save you hundreds of \$\$\$ on repair bills. In reality the options really aren't that difficult to use. Just follow the steps. If you become confused or disoriented just shut your computer down and try again. It is extremely unlikely that you will cause any damage whatsoever to your computer in trying one of the options.