

Losing time on the computer clock is usually indicative of a dying CMOS battery in your computer. If your computer is more than 2 years old, go ahead and change that battery. They only cost about \$3.

After replacing the CMOS battery, if the clock continues to lose time, then you have another problem or the CMOS battery purchased was no good.

CMOS BATTERY REPLACEMENT

The CMOS battery holds the computer's basic settings when you power down your computer. It must not be allowed to die completely. If you notice an ongoing loss of time on your computer clock (bottom right hand corner of screen), it is a good indication that your CMOS battery is about to go. Replace it. The CMOS battery looks about the size of a quarter and it is mounted on the motherboard of your computer. To Replace -

1. Turn off the computer and unplug it from power.
2. Open the cover on the tower. Place your hands on the frame of the tower to discharge electric static from you.
3. Then using a flashlight read the # written on the back of the CMOS battery. Do not remove it yet.
4. Go to a drug store and purchase another battery with the same #. There will be nothing on the battery info to tell you it's a CMOS battery. The correct # will work. About \$3.00.
5. With the new battery, remove the old CMOS battery and install the new battery.
6. Close up the tower, plug to power and you're off and running.

CMOS BATTERY REPLACEMENT FOR GATEWAY

Q: I have a Gateway PC that's 2 years old. Over the past four weeks or so, the process of booting up has been interrupted just after loading the peripherals and before starting Windows. This message appears; NVRAM data invalid: NVRAM cleared. Press F1 to run setup, or press ESC to continue.

I always press ESC, and the Windows bootup starts. How do I get rid of this irritation?

A: This problem can be solved by getting a new NVRAM battery. You can order one from Gateway for about \$10. After you obtain the battery, open the PC and follow the instructions that come with the battery.

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