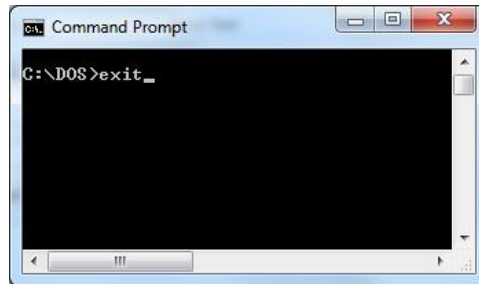


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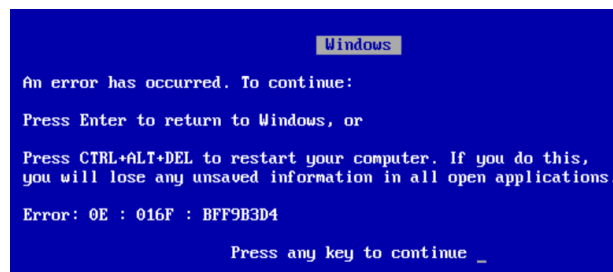
Back in the 80's I purchased a mail order personal computer shipped from Texas. I hooked it all up and fired it up and it didn't do anything. I called a buddy for help, explained my problem, and he asked if I had installed MS DOS on it.

I asked him what's DOS. He said that it's a *thing* that you need to install to make it work.

So I installed the *thing* (DOS 3.3) on it and it then worked fine and subsequently upgraded to DOS 4, (Bad) 5, (OK), and 6 (Very Good).



I used that upgraded thing until 1990 and then MS gave me another *thing* (Windows 3.0) to put on top of my DOS *thing*, with all the crashes and problems that caused. A *thing on a thing*.

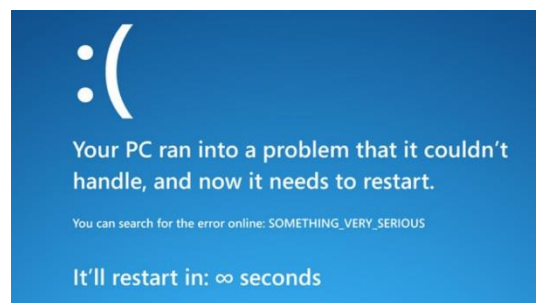


It was a *thing on a thing*, I was using through mostly OK Windows versions 3.1, 3.11, 95, 98, ME. I continued to use that *thing on a thing* until 2001 Windows XP (Very Good) when MS gave me just a single *thing* again, continuing on with Vista (Good) and Win7 (Great). It was all good for a decade or so.



In 2012 Microsoft decided to put a *thing on a thing* again with a horrible Win8 kludge, followed by a slightly better *thing on a thing* Win10 and then Win11.

But we are now back to a *thing on a thing*, with all the problems that go with that.



The End for now...Courier, Helvetica, Arial, Calibri and next Segoe UI Variable?