

Windows XP

LAPTOP MONITOR

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QUESTION: I can't get my 19" Samsung monitor, which is connected to my Dell laptop, to come on when I press the on button in the front of the monitor.

I do see a rectangle alternating showing Analog followed quickly by another rectangle showing Digital on the upper left corner of the monitor.

It is connected to the laptop with the correct monitor cable and, of course, the power is on.

Any suggestions?

ANSWER: The answer is very simple.

Yes, I have a suggestion. You need to have your laptop recognize the monitor; not have the monitor recognize the laptop.

1. Plug in the monitor.
2. Turn on the laptop.
3. Use the combination "Fn" key (lowest left on keyboard) plus (either) the F4 or F8 key — depending upon the model of your laptop. The function key you're looking for is **Figure 1**.



Figure 1

The first time you use this combination turns off the laptop screen and recognizes the monitor. IF you repeat the process, both the monitor and the laptop monitor are recognized.