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**Step 1.** Reboot

Did that fix it?  
No? Proceed to step 2.

**Step 2.**

Format hard drive.  
Reinstall Windows.  
Lose all your files. Quietly weep.



**Step 1.** Take it to an Apple store.

Did that fix it?  
No? Proceed to step 2.

**Step 2.** Buy a new Mac.

Overdraw your account. Quietly weep.



**Step 1.**

Learn to code in C++. Recompile the kernel. Buy your own microprocessor out of spare silicon had lying around. Recompile the kernel again. Switch distros. Recompile the kernel again but this time use a CPU powered by refracted light from Saturn. Grow a giant beard. Blame Sun Microsystems. Turn your bedroom into a server closet and spend ten years falling asleep to the sound of whirring fans. Switch distros again. Abandon all hygiene. Write a regular expression that would make other programmers cry blood. Learn to program in Java. Recompile the kernel again (but this time while wearing your lucky socks).

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No? Proceed to step 2.

**Step 2.**

Revert back to using Windows or a Mac.  
Quietly weep.

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