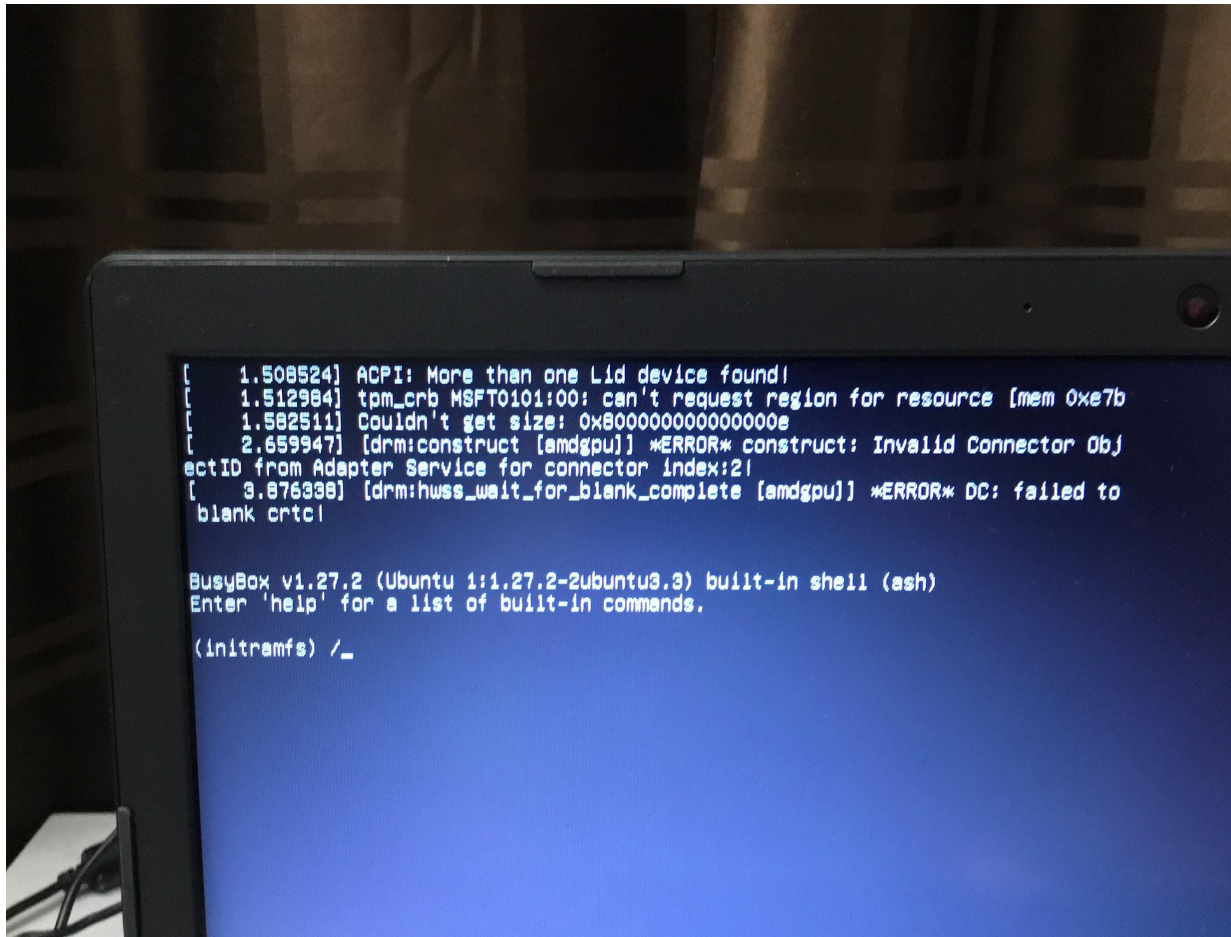


When I tried to start up my computer, it would show the Linux icon then a screen with 3 options. The first one was Linux Mint Cinamon 19 (name of OS). Whether I clicked on it or just waited, I got a black screen showing this.



I submitted this message on the Linux Mint forum:

Get a black screen with text after briefly seeing Linux icon

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Post

by **Kit_Carmelite** » Mon Mar 15, 2021 7:53 pm

After using Mint Cinamon 64-bit v. 19.2 for over a year on a Lenovo laptop, today I could not get to the screen where it asks for my password. I am only using Linux on this. I use a different machine for Windows 7. I'm writing this message on my Windows7 laptop.

The first screen I see when I power on the Lenovo has 3 options, the first of which is Linux Mint Cinamon 19.2. Whether I choose it or just wait, I get the screen as shown in the image attached.

The final screen I ended up with looks like this. I took the picture with my iPad.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u6Vm2j ... sp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u6Vm2j...sp=sharing)

I made it shareable on my Google drive so I hope you can access it. When I tried to go to imgur on my Windows laptop, I just get a black browser window.

I'm fairly sure I still have the DVD I used to Install Mint. I did all the steps needed to create it including the checksum. If I were to try to boot with it, would I lose all my data?

The reply I got was to type exit and hit enter.

Does it give any more details if you type 'exit' & hit Enter in that screen?

After doing that, I got the following information on the black screen.

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ectID from Adapter Service for connector index:21  
[ 3.876345] [drm:hws_wait_for_blank_complete [amdgpu]] *ERROR* DC: fail  
blank crtc!  
  
BusyBox v1.27.2 (Ubuntu 1:1.27.2-2ubuntu3.3) built-in shell (ash)  
Enter 'help' for a list of built-in commands.  
  
(initramfs) exit  
/dev/sda2 contains a file system with errors, check forced.  
Inodes that were part of a corrupted orphan linked list found.  
  
/dev/sda2: UNEXPECTED INCONSISTENCY; RUN fsck MANUALLY.  
      (i.e., without -a or -p options)  
fsck exited with status code 4  
The root filesystem on /dev/sda2 requires a manual fsck  
  
BusyBox v1.27.2 (Ubuntu 1:1.27.2-2ubuntu3.3) built-in shell (ash)  
Enter 'help' for a list of built-in commands.  
  
(initramfs)
```

This was my next instruction:

by **sleeper12** » Mon Mar 15, 2021 8:39 pm

Type: `fsck /dev/sda2 -y` (note the spaces) & hit Enter. Let it do its thing until you see 'File system was modified'. Type `reboot` or `exit` & hit Enter when it's done.

After pressing Enter and waiting for a bit, at the bottom of the screen, it said ***** FILE SYSTEM WAS MODIFIED *****

It showed the screen with the three options and I waited. The Linux icon showed up for several seconds, then a black screen with my mouse cursor and finally my password screen then my desktop. This was my final reply.

Re: Get a black screen with text after briefly seeing Linux icon



Post
by **Kit_Carmelite** » Mon Mar 15, 2021 9:33 pm

After typing Reboot and pressing Enter, I got the screen with the 3 options:

- Linux Mint 19.2 Cinamon
- Advanced Options for Linux Mint...
- System setup

I waited and a black screen appeared with a few lines of white text for a moment. The text disappeared and my mouse arrow showed up. It took a few more seconds for the password screen to appear.

I signed in then I shut down the laptop (not with the power button). I pressed the power button to start it up again. It seems to be working again.

Thank you so much for your help. What might I have done to cause this? Can I prevent it from happening again. Is my data more at risk than it was?

Does Linux Mint have a way of backing up everything in the home drive to an external drive?