

LESSON 54

START YOUR COMPUTER WITH NUMLOCK ON OR OFF

Some of you want your computer to come up with the NumLock enabled. Of course there are some users that want the NumLock key off at startup. Here are 2 ways you can set the NumLock key on or off at startup.

When you start or restart the computer, you'll see a message that tells you how to go into the CMOS setup by pressing a key or a combination of keys. The DEL key is the most common way to enter the CMOS setup section of your computer.

CMOS setup gives you access to several menu choices, so look through each one. If you find a setting called Turn NumLock On or Off, you can set up your reference and then exit CMOS.

Be sure to save your CMOS settings on Exit. That will be one of your options.

If you don't find that option, or going into the CMOS setup is a bit much for you, click on Start and then on Run. Now type "sysedit" without the quotes and press the Enter key. You will see a number of files tiled one behind another. The Autoexec.bat file is first; so close it by clicking on the X in the upper right-hand corner of the Autoexec.bat file window.

The next available file is config.sys. Scroll down the file to the first available blank line using the down-arrow key. At this line type "NUMLOCK=ON" or "NUMLOCK=OFF" without the quotes. Click on the X again to close the file. Answer YES to saving the changes you made. Now close all of the remaining windows and restart the computer. Your NumLock key will be on or off at startup depending on what your setting was in the config.sys file.

