Subject: Re: No signal being sent to monitor
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I should point out that the hard drive has nothing to do with the screen working at all, you can load into the BIOS and fiddle around with settings without even installing a hard drive onto the system, and with a Linux boot cd you can actually load the Linux operating system without installing a hard drive, but you wouldn't be able to create / save files as there would be nowhere to put them.

The graphics card does not need the CD drivers for the most basic stuff, which is what the BIOS uses to show bootup logos and whatnot, those run in VGA mode which does not require the drivers off the CD. If there is no signal on the screen it means one of a few things;

A) The motherboard is simply not working
B) The graphics card is broken
C) Both are working fine, but the monitor cannot display the signal being sent (but this would usually show a 'signal out of range' message, not a 'No Signal' message).

Another thing to bear in mind: If the graphics card has multiple connections for the monitor, try swapping it to a different connection. By default only ONE of the connections will actually show a picture, and if it has both DVI and VGA connections it's likely that (by default) only one of them is actually enabled.

Also, as mentioned before, do not try and setup an SLI rig first time. Get it setup and installed in single card mode, and then try to add the second card in SLI mode. Usually it requires BIOS settings to be enabled to actually work in SLI mode.

EDIT: When the system boots, does it beep once to indicate the POST was OK, or does it beep multiple times / not at all? If it beeps multiple times or not at all that could indicate the problem is something else entirely.