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How to Fix Scrolling Lines, Wavy Display and Shimmering On the Computer Monitor

Wavy display and shimmering can be the result of several different causes, including a faulty monitor. Use the following checklist to identify and correct the cause of the problem:

1. Remove or shut off any nearby electrical devices that could be causing the interference. Interference from other appliances or magnetic sources may cause irregular images on your monitor. The magnitude of interference, noise, or distortion depends on your monitor's proximity to sources such as TV sets, other monitors, refrigerators, large stereo speakers, or motor driven appliances. Faulty fluorescent light assemblies can also cause distorted images. Place your system as far as possible from these sources.
2. Make sure you are not using an extension to increase the length of your monitor's video cable. This can cause flicker. Remove the extender and connect directly.
3. Check that the cable is connected properly.
4. Try the power cord in a power outlet that is not part of a surge protector or other power strip.
5. Try the monitor with a different computer to see if the problem persists. If the problem does not happen with a different system, you may need to service the computer. If the problem occurs with another system, you may need to service the monitor.