

## Summary

An Exception has occurred ***during the power-on self-test.*** The error most likely indicates a software problem (except as noted below).

## Details

An "Exception" is a Programmer term for a serious (and unexpected) problem happening during the normal activity of the computer. The system has most likely failed because of a software problem but might be a hardware problem. Sad Mac errors occur before the Mac OS is actually fully active. Since the Mac OS isn't fully started at the time the error occurred, there is no way to give you the traditional "Your System Quit" message. Instead, you get a Sad Mac screen.