

# My electric toothbrush was acting up, so I tried to reboot it

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My electric toothbrush was acting up. The Internet says that I needed to reboot my electric toothbrush.

Pretty much no part of that last sentence made any sense 40 years ago.

My friend who worked on the development of the USB specification once sent me an email that said simply, “Just now, I had to reboot my mouse. Thought you’d like to know.” This is the same colleague who some time later told me about [USB floppy drive price discrimination](#).

A colleague of mine has a cadence sensor on his biking shoes. He received a notification on the sensor app and proceeded to install a firmware update. He made a point to tell anyone within earshot, “I’m performing a firmware update on my shoe.”

Oh, by the way, my attempts to reboot the electric toothbrush were unsuccessful. I had to replace it.

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