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I own a Sony Vaio PCG-F590K notebook that I purchased about four years ago. The notebook is running Windows 2000, Service Pack 4, and has performed without any major problems until recently.

About six months ago, the notebook began to reboot at apparently random intervals just before the normal boot procedure ended, as the desktop was being displayed. Check disc then would be launched, no problems would be found, and the boot procedure would go to completion. On average these spurious reboots would occur about 5-10% of the time.

And then something new happened. When attempting to read commercial CDRoms with autorun files from any source, a reboot was triggered almost immediately. The situation then deteriorated during the past week to the point where it is now impossible to run almost all executable files, including Windows 2000 Service Pack 4 which I tried unsuccessfully to reinstall or a BIOS update file from Sony. Curiously, the spurious rebooting problem does not currently occur when loading WORD, EXCEL or POWERPOINT, but I am concerned that it soon will.

While I could perhaps solve this problem by reinstalling Windows 2000, I consider this to be a solution of last resort.

My suspicion is that there is a file or files that almost all executable programs use, except the Microsoft programs mentioned above, and that this file or set of files has become corrupted. If so, then I should be able to copy clean files into the correct folder and hopefully fix the rebooting problem. However, if such files exist, I don't know how to identify them.

Any advice/help will be most gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ron