

Re: Laptop puzzle

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Unless there's something you want to save on it, I'd format and start over again.

Get yourself a DOS boot floppy with the drivers that will activate the PCMCIA CD drive. Start with the drive manufacturer, and check bootdisk.com as well. Fdisk and format the hard drive, and install a new operating system of your choice (preferably 2k, xp, me, or 03, as they stand to have the best chance of having the drivers you need natively). That should get all the internal and external accessories working again.

"ML" <wood@coedbach.f9.co.uk> wrote in message news:VJXcc.30834\$Y%6.3798622@wards.force9.net...

- > *Hallo, may I bring my problem to this newsgroup?*
- > *I am trying to sort out a Sharp A250 notebook that was given to me after it*
- > *was abandonned. After sorting out the power requirements, it runs with*
- > *W2000 Pro, flashes up an Administrator logon with stored p/w as normal.*
- BUT
- > *there is no on-screen cursor and the 'glide pad' and mouse keys do nothing.*
- > *There is some limited control by using the Windows Key, direction arrow keys*
- > *and Enter, but that doesn't get very far. I can access Contron Panel and do*
- > *a bit with the Arrow keys, but not easy.*
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- > *It doesn't see the ext CD-ROM reader plugged in via the PC card, or an*
- > *external mouse via the PCMCIA connected floppy drive unit. (The floppy does*
- > *work and read files). It seems to be networked enabled but I haven't been*
- > *able to recognise it on my 2-PC network. Is it possible the network*
- > *supervisor has locked out all control? (I'm not too familiar with*
- > *networking).*
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- > *Oh, and one other little problem, - its running Win2000 in*
- > *Chinese.....*
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> *All suggestions gratefully received!*

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