

Re: Win2K freezes on boot

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THanks for the help, Don. I tried some of this (though I didn't strip the box of all extra hardware. That can be a job for today!)

When I boot from the Win2K CD and try to use the repaid option it asks for an administrator password. I tried the admin password I used when I set up the computer, but that does not seem to work. Is there a default or some other admin passowrd that the system uses which is preventing me from getting into the repair utility?

Jeff

>-----Original Message-----

>Hi Jeff,

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>Go into the BIOS and set the "first boot device" to CD-ROM, place the CD in the tray

>and restart. On posting one of the first screens will allow you to tap any key (I

>always use the space bar) to use the CD to boot. All of the 4 floppy boot set will

>be loaded and you will be asked if you want to run Setup or "repair". Because this

>may be hardware related, and you are fresh anyway, choose "setup". You will be

>prompted again as to whether you want to go ahead with the install or "repair". This

>time choose "REPAIR". This will reload all OS files, and is basically a "clean

>install" without losing the drivers, individual settings, and data. Same as clean,

>but takes less time. Be sure to isolate it from the network by removing the ethernet

>cable. If this works, you should be able to boot okay again.

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>If it doesn't, I suggest you take all the hardware out of the box, except the
>motherboard, and (video card, if not integrated) then boot. If it gets to that, and
>the box is brand new, I would opt to have whoever, replace it with an RMA. But by
>chance, the "Inplace Upgrade" did work, you will need to go get your SP, probably
>SP4.
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>Please be advised that accepting all hotpatches "carte blanche" can create "needle
>in a haystack" problems. Only use the critical updates and the other ones that
>pertain to an issue with your particular setup. Yes, that means you gotta read each
>one to see if it applies to your configuration.
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>good luck,
>don
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>Oh, remember to revisit the BIOS to change the first boot device back to "floppy".
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>"Jeff P-B" <jeffpbecker@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>news:04b101c42495\$1ca3a430\$a301280a@phx.gbl...
>Yesterday my Win2000 machine crashed and, when I rebooted
>it, it frooze on the reboot. The initial win logo splash
>screen appears and the progress bar freezes about three
>quarters though the process. I tried safe mode and even
>dos prompt boot options, but none work. In the "DOS"
>mode it lists all of the drivers that it loads and frezes
>on agp440.sys.
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>I tried to use the recovery console, but it asks for the
>admin password. I enter it, but it says it is
>incorrect. I set up two computers the same day when we
>bought these and I tested the admin password on the other
>computer and it works there. I don't know why it won't
>recognize my admin password.
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>Our data is on a server, so it won't be catastrophic if I
>have to start over, but it will be a pain to install all
>of the programs (especially since some of them are
>downloaded not installed from CDs). Is there a default
>admin password that I should try in case it is reverting
>to a setup default? Is there anything else I can try?
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>Thanks

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