

Win2K Machine "Eating Itself Alive"

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I've just run across this newsgroup, and hope there's a solution to a newly developed problem I'm having with a Win2K box.

The machine has been running flawlessly for about 3 years. It is a dedicated audio workstation, and is never connected to the Internet. It's only purpose is to record, edit, and process audio files that I produce in my recording business.

It is a PIII, 1Ghz, 512Mb, Intel 815 mobo. WD hard drives, Plextor CD drive. Nothing out of the ordinary. It has been the most stable machine I've had of the six running in my office/studio.

Just a couple days ago, it was working perfectly. I've got a multi-track project to mix and edit, and yesterday decided to work on it.

Turned it on normally, and got error messages that I was running low on virtual memory. Okay, says I, figuring I'd just go in and fix it. It was strange, though, as nothing has been changed since a few days ago when it ran just fine.

As I commenced to do the work I needed to do, every program I tried to run quit with a "the program has generated errors and will shut down" error. Even Control Panel programs. Just before I reached the point I'm at now, no executable would run – nothing. All came back with the error.

At this point, all I get is "low virtual memory" or "out of memory" errors. Windows will not even start. Not even in safe mode. Right this very minute I running virus scanning and cleaning (McAfee) from a floppy. Quite a few files were reported as having been "infected" with a "like W32/Parvo" something or other.

If I could get into safe mode or even the command prompt, I might be able to figure this out myself. But it just seems to be getting worse and worse every time I shut it down and start it up again.

I'd appreciate any pointers. I've looked on-line and just can't seem to find anything (maybe I'm just using the right search words...)

Thanks in advance.

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