

Disk problem – Win 2000 Pro

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Hello,

In recent weeks, sometimes when I start the computer I get a message:
"Filesystem is FAT32"
"One of your disks needs to be checked for consistency"

Then I have to wait more than 2 hours for the check to complete checking the 38 GB disk..

I have not watched when it finishes, so I don't know if there are any summaries that show the results of the checking.

The system is always shut down properly, and aside from the checking, it appears to work correctly.

It is behind a hardware firewall (Router) and has up-to-date virus and Internet security software, so it is unlikely the problems are related to malware of any kind.

I have heard that this behavior sometimes precedes a disk failure, so I am keeping my fingers crossed.

I need better performance, reliability, as well as more storage space, so I have ordered a new computer and is considering leaving this one running until the new one arrives in about 2 weeks.

I have tons of development software installed, Office, including three versions of MS Access, Visual Studio, Alpha5, Acrobat etc., plus gobs of data files, so I hesitate to try to fix the problem until I have backed up at least the most important files.

I am planning to use LapLink's PCMover to transfer apps and data files to the new machine.

Once that is done I will upgrade the old machine to Windows XP Pro and convert the file system to NTFS

Has anyone had any experience with this kind of behavior?
Any comment or suggestions would be appreciated.

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