

Re: Odd Stop messages and boot errors

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replace the battery. It's a quarter-size shiny disk, probably a 2032. Radio Shack sells them.

Cleverbum wrote:

I've been running my win2k box for about 4 years more or less hassle free, running windows update every friday, virus scans daily etc. Yesterday I unplugged it, and moved it accross the room for about 8 hours while I put up a shelf. without power it seems that my ancient CMOS battery couldn't cope, and when I booted it this morning it told me it had lost all it's settings.

This wouldn't usually be a problem, so I set everything how I thought it should be and booted. I got a Stop error, mentioning something about ACPI so I rebooted, and got a different stop error, this went on for about 30 boots, each time I changed something in CMOS and each time I got a different Stop error.

As a last resort I switched a jumper on my motherboard to clear the CMOS data and rebooted one last time. To my amazement this worked perfectly. I did what I needed to do, switched it off and came back to it later.

Booting it again I saw a familiar sight, 15 different blue screen stop errors on 15 differnt boots. On a whim I switched the magic cmos clearing jumper again, booted and found that it worked perfectly. Doing some tests I found that the only way to make it boot was to clear the cmos manually with the motherboard jumper, absolutely nothing else worked.

Can anyone help as to why I have to move a jumper every time I want my computer to boot?

If anyone thinks it will help I'll post the computer specs here, though I can't for the life of me remember the name of the program everyone uses to create neat reports.