

## Re: Problem during installation... Weird one.

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I've seen this happen on a fully loaded system. What you can do is wait for an appropriate time, say one hour. Then reset the computer and let it continue where it left off. It should get through the detection phase on the second or third go around.

On Fri, 18 Feb 2005 09:30:58 -0500, "Mathieu Paquette" <leprince@hotmail.com> wrote:

>Hi,  
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>*This post is lengthy but I've included as much details as possible; please tell me if you need any other details.*  
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>*I just bought a new system for my mom. It's a P4SP-MX board, with everything onboard (she's gonna browse the net and do people's taxes on it, so she doesn't need much more...)*  
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>*The machine has a CDBurner-DVD reader combo drive, and that's pretty much it. For the rest, it's quite standard; no PCI-added cards, nothing. It runs a Celeron processor with 256megs of RAM.*  
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>*Well, here's the problem I have. I tried with two different copies of Win2k (one that I burned with a streamlined SP4 built-in and another original legit 120-day trial I got at a training that has no SP built-in), and both sort of "crash" at the same place; at the first part of the graphical part of the install, when it says "Windows is now detecting devices such as your keyboard and mouse, you screen might flicker, yada yada yada". What happens is that the bar goes through halfway, then stop moving. The computer is still responding (ie. the mouse still moves, the keyboard's light go on and off when I press cap lock, etc), but nothing more happens. I left the computer in that state overnight, to no avail.*  
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>*I've tried different things; I underclocked the CPU, I put PNP OS = Yes instead of NO in the BIOS, changed keyboard, unplugged the mouse, nothing works.*  
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>*Only thing I haven't done is to install the latest BIOS, because I didn't have a floppy drive anywhere else in the house beside that machine and I had*

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>to get to bed (it was late and I was working this morning) so I didn't want  
>to unplug the floppy, put it in another machine, etc... But now I'm at work  
>I'll write a floppy with the latest BIOS, maybe that'll help, but I'm a bit  
>skeptic.  
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>So, anyone got any idea as to what could solve this issue ?  
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>Oh, last but not least, when I got the system there was a WinXP preinstalled  
>on the computer (OEM pre-installation, you know where you have to enter the  
>comp's name and stuff then it boots into Windows); I completed that part,  
>thinking I might get away with installing Windows on the machine. It worked  
>perfectly; I proceeded to boot in Windows, uninstalled a few of the crap  
>that came preinstalled, rebooted, worked, rebooted again, then Windows asked  
>to be registered; since I did not have a valid key for XP (I own 2k but not  
>XP, I don't really like XP much, I think 2k does what I need with less  
>system resources), I popped my 2k CD in and proceeded to install it, and  
>that's when it crashed. Yes I deleted all partitions, recreated a 20 gig  
>partition on the 40 gig drive, formatted it ntfs, etc....  
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>I've installed Win2k countless times in my life, but that's the first time  
>something like this happens to me.  
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>Any idea ?  
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>Thank you.  
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>Mathieu  
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