

## Problems after Windows Update

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Just another thing. I can access the machine via the network. I can browse its hdd etc. So it is loading windows and the network properly.

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Thx  
Ian

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

>Hi,

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>I have just done a full windows update to a fresh install

>of win2k. I have installed Office 2k aswell.

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>So, to start off my issues I have blaster when I put in  
>my second drive. So after managing to manually download  
>the patch and apply it, I can work on the internet. I  
>then install SP4 thinking it will cut out of the 40 new  
>critical updates waiting for me. It did. It took it to  
>30. Me being a fairly strict person with patches etc, I  
>goto the windowsupdate web site, and choose the  
downloads

>I want to install. All the critical updates ones, alot  
of

>the recomended ones, and the two driver updates. The one  
>being a realtek lan driver, and the other nvidia  
graphics

>driver. Cool great, they download and install fine. No  
>errors, everything appears to have installed fine. Or  
has

>it?

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>The time comes to reboot and I do so only to find that  
to

>my horror, windows only ever shows the blue background

of

>the desktop. No taskbar, no icons on the desktop, no  
>right click, no left click!!!? So, i think, hmm, it  
>might be the grafix drivers, but then I think about the  
>problem, and that doesnt seem like the problem because

of

>the following reasons:

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>1.) When windows starts, I see the screens preceding the

>login window (Preparing network connections etc.)

>2.) It auto logs me in, that works fine. (The login

>window is more than 16 colors, so that works fine).

>3.) The taskbar loads, and then poof, it dissapears,

gone!

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>The icons on the desktop never load. Nothing else

>happens. I think to myself, okay, let me try and run

>explorer.exe manually so that i could maybe try and

>uninstall some of the critical updates I just installed.

>Nope, sorry for me, I cant run explorer.exe, nor can I

>run taskman.exe!! I think "hmm, maybe I could boot up

>into safe mode and work from there". IT DOES EXACTLY THE

>SAME THING! IT STARTS UP SAFE MODE FINE, BUT THEN JUST

AS

>THE TASK BAR LOADS, IT DISSAPEARS AGAIN!!!! I MEAN

WTF!!!

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>So now, I have the lovely task of formatting again (3rd

>time) and reinstalling all my applications (about 30+)

>again! Thats not to mention all the games that I will

>have to reinstall (also about 10-20).

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>Now I appeal to any of you that could give me an idea of

>how to fix this without formatting or reinstalling. I

>would forever be indebted to you.

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>Thanks alot,

>Ian

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