

Re: System Prob or Virus?

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Also, recently moving a computer. Shoving the computer back too close to the wall can block airflow from the case fan. Sandra is one of several programs that can report temperature inside most computers.

"Ken Blake" <kblake@this.is.an.invalid.domain> wrote in message news:Oy6NUIYsEHA.2560@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl...

> In news:OF334SYsEHA.1272@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl,

> Colin Barnhorst <colinbarharst@msn.com> typed:

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>> *The three prime suspects in my mind are:*

>> *1. Video card (if you have one). If your motherboard has a video adapter, try removing the video card and seeing if running monitor off of the motherboard adapter changes anything. You can also try reseating the video card (make sure the latch at the end of the AGP slot snaps securely into place).*

>> *2. Power supply. This requires a qualified technician, power supplies are not especially expensive.*

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> **Fixing* (or even trying to) a power supply requires a qualified technician, but replacing it is easy, and anyone can do it. And as you say, they are not expensive. As a matter of fact, they are cheap enough that it's probably cheaper to replace one than to pay a technician to even begin looking at it.*

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>> *3. Memory. If you have more than one memory stick, try running with one out, then another to see if it might be the memory.*

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> *I agree with all the thoughts above, but I'd add one more: especially since the problem is intermittent, and especially that he says "sometimes it blacks out immediately again and will not respond," it might be heat-related. I would check to make sure all the fans are working properly.*

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> *Ken Blake – Microsoft MVP Windows: Shell/User*
> *Please reply to the newsgroup*
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>> *"LMO" <lmo@nospamyahoo.com> wrote in message*
>> *news:2t54jrF1rgbqdU1@uni-berlin.de...*
>>> *Hello all.*
>>> *Something strange just started happening to my XP Home system (AMDXP*
>>> *1.3G). All of a sudden it seem to just shut down. Power light stays*
>>> *on, but screen goes black. Nothing I can do will revive it, other*
>>> *than shut off the power, then cold reboot. Sometimes it comes right*
>>> *back up, sometimes it blacks out immediately again and will not*
>>> *respond. I use GoBack, so was able to go back to the morning, when*
>>> *all was fine, and it worked for a couple days, but it just blacked*
>>> *out again. Cold booted right up. and is working okay now...for now.*
>>> *I have NAV with latest updates, and use Adaware regularly, but have*
>>> *found nothing with either prog. Could it be something insidious, or*
>>> *maybe a hardware problem? Any*
>>> *ideas? System works fine when it's up and running otherwise.*
>>> *Thanks!*
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