

Re: Boot-up peculiarity

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Not really, JS. But I believe there is a listing of all the Windows KS updates that have been installed, maybe somehow I could get Microsoft to indicate which might have video driver consequences. I'm selective on what WUs I do install, and I generally avoid those with video consequences.

At HP's request, I tried a different monitor, and got almost the same results, the difference being that the blanking duration was only about one second with my spare monitor, versus about six with my 'regular' monitor.

WBL

JS wrote:

Any correlation between the time of the last Windows Updates and or other software installs and when the problem started occurring?

JS

"William B. Lurie" <billurie@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:O77tAjvqHHA.3372@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

AHA! Interesting and logical, JS. So I contacted HP, who control all my drivers, and they agreed that that could be the problem. So they gave me two links to download and execute, installing heaven only knows what. Did it twice. It moved my icons around and changed my resolution, but didn't solve the problem at all.

I screen all the Windows Update downloads (I don't just let them install automatically), and I don't think I accepted any video drivers. But I don't know how I can find out if there were any that got installed (unless some lurking MVP wants to tell me how to do that). Presumably HP has gotten me to install good drivers by now, in any case.

Anything else?
Bill L.

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JS wrote:

Not certain why I didn't mention this earlier but...
Sometimes video drivers can create strange results,
especially if you updated driver(s) using Microsoft's
Windows Update site which has a bad rep when it comes to
driver updates. You may want to download and install the
latest driver for your video card from the card manufacture's
web site.

JS

"William B. Lurie" <billurie@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
message
news:%236H6e8rqHHA.3248@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Been there, done that, JS. I'll play there
some
more.
Thanks.
WBL

JS wrote:

A simpler tool is 'msconfig'
Start/Run enter msconfig
click Run and then select the
startup tab.
You can selectively stop any
item from starting up.

JS

"William B. Lurie"
<billurie@xxxxxxxxxx>
wrote in message
news:ucpdlYrqHHA.3484@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I made tests
with three
hard drives
and clones
of the
basic OS,
and I have
resolved the
Autologon
situation.
With
Autologon
ON, it

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bypasses
the choice
of accounts.
With
Autologon
OFF, on the
way to Safe
Mode it
stops so
that I can
select Main
User or
Administrator.
So I'm past
that hurdle,
and now I'm
at the
Autoruns.

I
downloaded,
installed,
and
executed it,
and it
showed
hundreds of
files that get
run on
startup, and
I guess
your
thought is
that I
should look
at the
non-Microsoft
items and
uncheck a
bunch of
them, and
see (a) what
ones
can I do
without on
startup, and
(b) which
ones are
associated
with the
5-second

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blackout.
No way
could I
guess which
Microsoft
items I
could
uncheck.
It's
beginning
to look like
one of those
cases where
it ain't all
that badly
broke, so
mebbe I
shouldn't
try to fix it.
In that
case.....thanks
for trying.
Bill L.

JS wrote:

This
first
part
is
a
repeat
of
what
I
sent
you,
however
at
the
bottom
of
the
message
is
a
section
where
you

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enter
'Control
Userpasswords2'
without
the
quotes.
The
password
for
the
built
in
Windows
Administrator
account
is
normally
blank
(none).

In
XP
Home,
boot
the
computer
into
Safe
Mode.
Do
this
by
repeatedly
tapping
the
F8
key
as
the
computer
is
starting
up.
This
will
get
you
to
the
right
menu.

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Navigate
using
your
Up
arrow
key;
the
mouse
will
not
work
here.
Once
in
Safe
Mode,
you
will
see
the
normally
hidden
Administrator
account.
The
default
password
is
a
blank.

In
XP
Pro,
you
do
not
need
to
go
into
Safe
Mode.
At
the
Welcome
Screen,
do/press
the
Ctrl-Alt-Del
keys

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twice
to
get
the
classic
Windows
logon
box.
Type
in
"Administrator"
(without
the
quotes)
and
whatever
password
you
assigned
(default
is
no
password)
when
you
set
up
Windows.

Once
your
in
then:
Start/Run/type
in:
Control
Userpasswords2
and
press
OK
You
should
now
be
able
to
manage
you
accounts
including
adding/creating

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a
new
account
which
I
would
do
as
a
safety
net.

JS

"William
B.
Lurie"
<billurie@xxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
news:e1WXDroqHHA.3248@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

G'morning,
JS.....
Help!
Now
that
I
have
Tweak-UI,
even
when
booting
to
Safe
Mode,
I
never
see
the
choice
of
accounts.
I
have
Autologon
set
to
OFF.
Now

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I
don't
see
the
choice
of
accounts,
not
even
Administrator
Account,
during
start-up,
not
even
using
F8>>Safe
Mode.
Clue
me
as
to
how
I
can
get
to
the
'normally
hidden
Administrator
Account'.
Incidentally,
going
to
Safe
Mode,
the
5-seconds
of
all-black
screen
didn't
occur.
/Bill
L./

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wrote:

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The
password
for
the
built
in
Windows
Administrator
account
is
normally
blank
(none).

In
XP
Home,
boot
the
computer
into
Safe
Mode.
Do
this
by
repeatedly
tapping
the
F8
key
as
the
computer
is
starting
up.
This
will
get
you
to
the
right
menu.
Navigate
using
your
Up
arrow
key;

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the
mouse
will
not
work
here.
Once
in
Safe
Mode,
you
will
see
the
normally
hidden
Administrator
account.
The
default
password
is
a
blank.

In
XP
Pro,
you
do
not
need
to
go
into
Safe
Mode.
At
the
Welcome
Screen,
do/press
the
Ctrl-Alt-Del
keys
twice
to
get
the
classic
Windows

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logon
box.
Type
in
"Administrator"
(without
the
quotes)
and
whatever
password
you
assigned
(default
is
no
password)
when
you
set
up
Windows.

JS

"William
B.
Lurie"
<billurie@xxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
news:usrSkbjqHHA.4100@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks,
JS,
I'll
look
at
the
Autoruns
tool.
I
know
that
there's
a
way
to
force
the

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boot
procedure
to
make
me
choose
between
the
account
with
me
as
the
(one
and
only)
user,
and
the
account
with
me
as
the
administrative
mode.
I
don't
know
where
to
accomplish
that,
maybe
via
Control
Panel.
It
does
give
me
that
option
when
I
go
F8>>Safe
Mode

JS
wrote:

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You
are
correct,
my
mistake
about
the
pull-down
box
(it
just
shows
the
current
user,
no
option
to
select
another
account).
However,
you
should
have
at
least
two
account
with
Admin
privileges,
the
built
in
Windows
'Administrator'
account
and
the
one
you
created
when
installing
Windows.

My
theory
was
that

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there
is
a
race
condition
between
the
drivers
Windows
loads
when
first
booting
(hardware
drivers,
Etc.)
and
the
applications
that
load
when
a
user
logs
on.
You
can
see
what
loads
during
boot
and
logon
using
a
tool
called
Autoruns.
<http://www.microsoft.com/te>
This
will
show
all
apps/etc.
that
load/run
when
you
first

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boot
and
logon
(they
are
grouped
by
category),
you
can
selectively
stop
any
that
you
don't
want.

Note:
To
get
additional
details
on
an
item
in
the
list
you
may
need
to
highlight
the
item
(right
click)
and
use
the
'Search
Online'
option
to
get
the
details,
especially
useful
for

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the
more
obscure
items
in
the
list.

JS

"William
B.
Lurie"
<billurie@xxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
news:u6ojp0iqHHA.4180@x

Hi,
JS.
I
downloaded
and
installed
Tweak
UI.
I
tried
it....
I
see
Logon....I
expand
it
to
see
Autologon.....
The
only
option
I
see
is
to
check,
or
not
to
check,

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'Logon
automatically'.
The
5
second
heart-stopping
black
screen
effect
is
the
same
either
way.

And
I
don't
even
see
any
choice
of
user
account/name
to
select
and
I
don't
see
a
pulldown
box.
Remember,
I'm
a
one
user
system
and
the
only
time
I've
ever
see
a
choice
of
user

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account/
name
is
with
Safe
Mode
startup.
I'm
just
logged
on
automatically
and
never
even
asked
to
logon.

JS
wrote:

Download
and
install
Tweak
UI
from
Microsoft
<http://www.1>

Then
expand
the
Logon
option
and
select
Autologon
and
Un-check
the
Autologon
box
for
the
user
account/nam
you
select
in

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the
pulldown
box.

JS

"William
B.

Lurie"

<billurie@x

wrote

in

message

news:uBhW

I

can't

do

that

with

any

ease

JS,

beca

I'm

a

one-

user

system

and

it

goes

auto

thru

a

sky-

"Loa

wha

screen

and

then

the

wall

appe

follo

by

the

icon

Wan

to

clue

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me
as
to
how
to
set
it
up
so
that
I
actu
log
on?
Bill
L.

JS
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