

Start up from cold problem

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Hi everyone

I'm currently experiencing the following problems when I switch on my PC and was wondering if someone could give me any hints & help to what I should be looking at to solve the problem:

Switch On PC from cold

No signal to the monitor but the PC appears to be going through the boot up sequence (i.e. drive light up one at a time, hard drive activates).

Restart 1

Motherboard splash screen appears on the monitor and system hangs (pressing the DEL button does not enter bios setup)

Restart 2

Motherboard splash screen appears, PC hangs but this time the DEL key allows you to enter the bios settings. Check the bios settings to find they have changed, not always, the same changes but it appears that RAID and Boot settings are affected the most. Change the settings and Exit.

Restart 3

Splash screen appears followed by, safe mode selection screen. Sometimes, choosing start in Safe Mode or Start Normally will work and windows will start, and once started I can restart the PC as many times as like without any problems.

However, what's happening now is from the safe mode selection screen it tries to boot windows and then displays a blue screen stating that there has been a fatal driver conflict and the system freezes.

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Restart 4

After the system freeze the PC boots to the safe mode selection screen and freezes as soon as I select an option. Even if I wait for the timer to hit zero it freezes, that's where I got stuck.

Background history:

The PC is just over a year old and has been working trouble free up to this point, no new hardware has been installed since I built the PC (so not sure how I can have a driver conflict now). The latest software was installed last November (Office 2003 and Studio MX 2004).

Operating system is Windows XP Pro with SP1

Motherboard is an Asus P4C800 Deluxe

Graphics card is Asus V9560 Videosuite

Memory = 2Gb of DDR 270 Ram

Hard Drive is a 200Gb Diamond Max9

1 Samsung DVD drive

1 Samsung DVD/ CDRW drive

1 Sony DRU500A DVD rewriter

As I said earlier, all I need is hints to what the problem might be (hardware, software etc) I don't expect an outright solution.

Hope someone can point me in the right direction

Many thanks in advance

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