

Re: OS choice at bootup: One blank!

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> *It all started when suddenly, out of nowhere, my P4 2.4Ghz 768MB XP Pro*

> *SP1 machine started rebooting spontaneously. After some time I finally realized it was doing this mostly while either running eMule and browsing w/*

> *IE or while running a setup file, AV disabled.*

> *Sending error reports would tell me that either that it was an unknown*

> *driver error or that it was an unknown graphics driver error. Occasionally*

> *it would tell me to run the Windows Memory Diagnostic.*

> *I decided to troubleshoot based on the frequency of the recommendations*

> *I would get from the error reports. I first decided to reinstall all of my*

> *drivers. I then focused on my GeForce 4 graphics card driver by going back*

> *to a previous version until I got back to the original that came with the*

> *box. I suspected thus far that I was wasting my time because all installed*

> *drivers had been running on this machine for at least two months with no*

> *problems.*

> *I then focused on my Hercules Game Theater XP sound card. Hercules*

> *asserted that the latest driver was safe to run even though it was not*

> *submitted to Microsoft for testing and approval. After removing the*

hardware

> *and uninstalling the driver, things did get much more stable, but Windows*

> *still continued to reboot while running a software setup file.*

> *The last time I did that, things really seemed to have gone awry as I*

> *got a stop error on the next bootup. I rebooted and got a different error*

> *stating that a system file was missing or corrupt and that inserting the*

> *Windows cd may be able to fix the problem.*

> *I tried to do a repair, but that just took me to DOS and I had no idea*

> *what to do at that point. I typed in "Help" and read the description of*

each

> *command. I tried something like "Fixboot". Chkdsk wouldn't run saying that*

> *there was at least one unrecoverable problem. I looked at something*

similar

> *to "Fixboot" but the description scared me off. I took the disk out and*

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- > *decided to try booting to Windows again.*
- > *Upon booting, much to my surprise, I was asked to choose which OS I*
- > *wanted to boot to. To my knowledge, I only had one installed. What's*
- really*
- > *weird is one choice is Windows XP and the other choice is simply a blank*
- > *space!!! I selected Windows and all booted up as normal. I rebooted to see*
- > *if I would get the option again. I did. I selected the blank. It booted*
- the*
- > *same as it did when I had just selected Windows. Nothing..... absolutely*
- > *nothing looked abnormal on either bootup.*
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- > *Any ideas what's going on here? Any course of action to recommend?*
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- > *Thank you for your time and knowledge!*
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If you have an unrecoverable error on your disk the only sensible course of action is to install a new one asap and then copy your data over to it.

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