

Re: PLEASE PLEASE HELP!!

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First have you tried using Last Known Good Configuration. Restart the computer repeatedly pressing the F8 key to get to the Boot menu. Select Last Known Good Config and see if that gets you in. If not then see if you can run System Restore from a Safe Mode or Safe Mode with Command Prompt <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/304449>

If the above doesn't work the do a clean install of XP making certain no peripherals like cameras, scanners, printers, usb drives etc are connected.

If possible do a bare bones install. You can add devices back again later.

If you can get to the Desktop do not Activate immediately or go on-line in anyway. First ensure that you turn on the MS Firewall. Then apply SP2. You are better off if you can install SP2 from a file rather than the Windows Update Site. If you have access to a system with a fast download and a CD-Burner go here

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=049c9dbe-3b8e-4f30-8245-9e368d3cdb5a&displaylang>

and click the Download button then burn the file to disc to run on your computer. Once your have SP2 installed visit the Windows update site to grab other security patches.

Once XP is running properly create a System Restore Point. Then start adding your peripherals.

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"Matt" <Matt@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:3EF8B2D9-2663-4956-91FB-6FF19DAB3A97@microsoft.com...

>I recently finished building my own PC for the first time. After I
>completed

> installing Windows and some of the drivers for some of the hardware,

> during a

> restart, Windows would no longer boot up and continued to restart over and

> over. So I formatted and reinstalled, getting the same result. I have done

> this now four times, is there something I can do to prevent this??!!!

> Please

> help.