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Hi all, this problem could be caused by any number of issues and I'm getting a little frantic here so I'll list my whole morbid story from the top, sorry in advance for the whole speal. :)

I got a new 200gb Seagate HD about a year back and hadn't needed it installed until I was setting this box up as a testing box, and I had noticed that the HD had a little rattle in it straight after I bought it but I tested it as soon as I got home and it had worked fine.

About 2 months ago I installed Win XP Pro and then installed SUSE 10.0 using GRUB to handle my boot stuff. All has gone fine since then, both OSES running smoothly until yesterday! When trying to run a newly d/led copy of Zsnes Win version (yes I know, I wasn't "testing" anything, just goofing off) I got the first Blue Screen of Death I've had since installing the OS (unfortunately I didn't pay much attention to it, it was some sort of kernel error, and I just rebooted). I tried the same procedure again to see if it was the Zsnes exe causing this, and it did the same thing. So I deleted the prog, got the dos version of it, and went on my merry way. Next thing I did was download Limewire (okay, so I wasn't in a working mood :P) and upon installing it it hung and I got another BSoD...again, I rebooted and tried reinstalling and the same issue, so I gave up with that too and by now I'm starting to think something could be fishy.

Now, in the meantime my power supply's fan's motor had been sounding like it was dying for some time and then I started to get these mysterious reboots for no reason or no prompt (but once I thought I saw a quick flash of a BSoD before the restart) and then finally the power supply wouldn't turn on anymore, it just died.

So I dive into the computer, pull out the power supply, go and invest in a new one, found my graphics card was getting really hot so I moved the sound card that was wedged up against it's fan down a slot. After ALL of this was done I started my comp up and success, it actually started! BUT then I first try to log in to my WinXP boot and I get the loading screen, then I wait for about 30 seconds and I get a quick flash of the BSoD and then it reboots. NOW, the strange quirk is after

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this reboot my BIOS won't even detect my HD, it just hangs at the "detecting IDE drives" and then eventually skips to "Insert system disk" stuff and it won't detect the disk until I switch the comp off and on again, then it does the same thing, detects it once, reboots and then nothing. So then I reboot the comp and try a few more times, still nothing. Then I finally decide to login to SUSE so I can go in search of answers on Google, and what?!?! Now Grub won't even load. It's detecting the drive at BIOS and then going to the "Insert system disk"...so I reached for the SUSE install DVD and booted up the recovery console, then had no clue what to do, so I tried the WinXP Recovery Console. Tried FIXMBR, it did nothing, didn't even say it needed fixing or anything. Tried FIXBOOT, it said it can't do it. Tried changing directories to see if I could directly open my boot.ini, I can't, CD won't change to anything but C:\WINDOWS.

So now I am thoroughly all out of ideas. I need the stuff that's on this HD so I can't just format it. Is there ANY hope for me?!?!

Thanks for your help in advance and sorry for the lengthy post!! Cheers!

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