

## Re: Weird XP Start-Up Problem – Please help!

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Debi wrote:

Thanks.... I will try that now and report back tomorrow.

I still thinks it's weird why it only happens the once because if I power off now and restart it will be fine but not so tomorrow evening!

Thanks again – You've given me some hope of solving this before Xmas!

Kindest regards,

Mike

"R. McCarty" <[PcEngWork-NoSpam\\_@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:PcEngWork-NoSpam_@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:O8bQck\\$FHHA.4688@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:O8bQck$FHHA.4688@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

It seems like one or both of your drives are being marked "Dirty". You might want to use a command prompt just before shutdown and type >FsUtil Dirty Query C: This will tell you if the volume is marked Dirty and will AutoCheck on the next boot/Power-up. Also, in BIOS Setup if your PC supports it add a 1-2 Second IDE delay for your drives to spin up before XP starts.

"Debi" <[debi@xxxxxxxx](mailto:debi@xxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:dMGdnYk4cpS8OenYnZ2dnUVZ8qOdnZ2d@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:dMGdnYk4cpS8OenYnZ2dnUVZ8qOdnZ2d@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi Guys,

I've been working on this weird and wonderful problem for a few weeks now but I've come to an absolute dead end. I hope you can help me! First of all, here's my system:

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XP Pro (SP2) – Retail/Fully Updated  
Asus P5N32–SLI Deluxe Motherboard  
DualCore Intel Pentium D 950, 3400 MHz (17 x 200)  
Thermaltake 430W TR2 Quiet PSU  
nVIDIA GeForce 6200 TurboCache Graphics  
2GB Ram (2x 1GB Corsair Sticks)  
2 x 250GB SATA Hard Drives

BIOS Updated – Different Configurations attempted  
(currently at  
default) No Overclocking  
All Drivers updated and all Software removed except for XP  
Event Logs showing no errors

Basically, when I power on for the first time in the day, after  
the  
initial post 'beep' it goes forward to the Windows Splash  
Screen  
(Blue Scrolling Line) then the system suddenly restarts and  
this  
time the operating system loads up as normal.

I can restart and/or power off numerous times throughout the  
day,  
even if left for a few hours, but the problem will not be  
repeated  
until the next day!

Indeed, once booted the system runs fine without any  
problem and  
today I loaded Nero and re-coded a large AVI file to make a  
DVD  
whilst working on a PowerPoint presentation with music  
running  
(Media Player). Absolutely no problem whatsoever...runs  
like a  
dream with absolutely no errors! However, I know when I  
switch on  
tomorrow I'll have this "double boot" scenario again!

I've since done FIXBOOT (Recovery Console) & CHKDSK  
/R but I still  
get the problem once a day.

As a final resort I amended the BOOT.INI file to include  
/SOS as I  
wanted to see what was actually happening – I did that last  
thing  
yesterday evening in preparation of today's boot!

I duly fired my PC up this evening and it did exactly the

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same  
routine. Now then, instead of the splash screen, I quickly  
noted  
down this message on the screen before the auto reboot:

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CHECKING FILE SYSTEM ON D:  
THE VOLUME IS CLEAR  
CHECKING FILE SYSTEM ON C:  
THE VOLUME IS CLEAR  
WINDOWS HAS FINISHED CHECKING THE DISK
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It then rebooted into XP as normal.

Oh yes, one more thing, sometimes (but not always) on the  
second  
reboot I get the standard "Sorry for the inconvenience"  
screen to  
which I select "Last Good Configuration" or "Start Windows  
Normally" and it does. Like I said, I can power off  
completely off  
and I can restart anytime in the day without any issues until  
the  
next day.... it's as if something is happening overnight!  
Spooky!

I really can't think of what to try next!

Any pointers will be appreciated.

Kindest regards,

Debi :-)

I haven't been following this thread, but the problem sounds like it might  
be date/time stamp related? Or possibly something in Scheduled Tasks?

Scheduled Tasks you can just look at and turn things on/off IFF you're using  
it. If not, then it's not the issue.

For the timestamp, you could try, while you're running well and know it'll  
reboot OK, setting the computer clock ahead by 24 hours and try a reboot.  
If it makes the problem happen, it's definitely date/time related. If  
not, then it's another issue but it could still have to do with the  
date/time settings; that's why Scheduler occurred to me.

Do NOT forget to reset the date when you're done! <g>

HTH  
Pop`

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