

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

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Cheers Paul, I'll try that tomorrow!

I'll try anything!

Regards,

Debi :-)

"Paul Mckenna" <Paul@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:90606724-D39A-4AE4-9AE4-3DB06BAE3966@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

This is probably not your problem...

but a while ago we built a number of PCs with gigabyte motherboards and I can't remember what memory but after XP was installed the following day a number of these PCs didn't boot, they blue screened but after that each PC started perfectly ran every test we could think of and nothing. so we shipped a PC of to gigabyte to examine it and they found that there was a problem with the memory starting up correctly. Their solution was to use different memory or when powering up to hold the power button a little longer!! Seems crazy and even telling the customer (prior to us getting new memory in) to hold the power button for a second longer when switching on they looked at me crazy but it worked.. It may be worth a try no matter how insane it sounds :)

Regards
Paul

"Debi" <debi@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:y6CdnZYzAaxXa-jYnZ2dnUVZ8tCdnZ2d@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

No luck I'm afraid.... situation still stands.

Nothing in Scheduled tasks!

Thanks for trying anyway – I'll get to the bottom of it eventually!

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Regards,

Debi :-)

"Pop`" <nodoby@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:e2EHIMAGHHA.3616@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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_@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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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

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delay for your drives to spin
up before XP starts.

"Debi" <debi@xxxxxxx>

wrote in message

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:

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

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(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

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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

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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
same
routine.
Now then,
instead of
the splash
screen, I
quickly
noted

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down this
message on
the screen
before the
auto reboot:

CHECKING
FILE
SYSTEM
ON D:
THE
VOLUME
IS CLEAR
CHECKING
FILE
SYSTEM
ON C:
THE
VOLUME
IS CLEAR
WINDOWS
HAS
FINISHED
CHECKING
THE DISK

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.

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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.

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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`