

# Re: Restoring My Computer...

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"xxyx" wrote

For the repair install the links said I need the cd, but my laptop didn't come with the cd.

Now what? =/ Thanks for your help so far though.

"Rock" wrote:

"xxyx" wrote

> Alright, I tried F8. I did the options "Safe Mode", "Safe Mode with  
> Networking", and "Last Known Good Configuration."  
>  
> My login screen is still black except for the message that says this  
> exactly,  
>  
> [title of pop up] Parser Message  
> [body] Value creation failed " at line 30  
> [button] OK  
>  
> When I click ok the message pops back up and it's an endless cycle. Any  
> help?  
>  
> "Rock" wrote:  
>  
>> "xxyx" wrote  
>>  
>>> Alright, earlier I posted about having troubles with LogonXP's and  
>>> Windows  
>>> Themes. With the problem solved long ago, I was happy with my new  
>>> themes  
>>> and  
>>> logons. However, one logon didn't work and I didn't notice this >>>  
problem  
>>> only

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>> > after I had signed out of my account. The screen is entirely black >> >  
>> and  
>> > I  
>> > get  
>> > this weird message basically saying the logon wont work. When I >> >  
>> click  
>> > on  
>> > "ok"  
>> > the messages pops back up and it's an endless cycle.  
>> >  
>> > That isn't the problem, however. I held the power button until it >> >  
>> shut  
>> > off  
>> > (since there was no option on the screen to shut it off) and then  
>> > turned  
>> > it  
>> > back on. Knowing there's an F() button to push when you want to >> >  
>> restore  
>> > your  
>> > computer right when it's loading, I pressed all the F(#)'s buttons >> > as  
>> > fast  
>> > as  
>> > I could. I got a few different things but none of them had the >> >  
>> option  
>> > to  
>> > restore my computer so I can't go back to an earlier date to fix >> > this  
>> > problem.  
>> >  
>> > If anyone has a solution, please help me! Very appreciated.  
>>  
>> Restore your computer how and to what? It's not clear from your >>  
>> message  
>> what's going on. Are you saying you can't login to the windows at >> all?  
>>  
>> There might be some sort of restore function that is invoked by a  
>> function  
>> key that was installed by the computer OEM, so if that's what you're  
>> talking  
>> about then contact the computer's tech support.  
>>  
>> Repeatedly pressing F8 just as the BIOS screen disappears should bring  
>> up  
>> the Advanced Options menu with choices such as Last Known Good  
>> Configuration  
>> and Safe Mode. Booting into safe mode you could try running a system  
>> restore.  
>>  
>> Otherwise you need to better describe the problem you're experiencing >>  
>> and  
>> what you're trying to accomplish.  
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>> <http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/XPrepairinstall.htm>

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>> <http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/cleanxpinstall.html>

You're next step would be to try a repair install. See the link above.  
Make sure you have a full and complete backup of all important information.  
A repair install should retain programs and data but you know computers,  
unintended things do happen.

You'll have to use whatever recovery method is in place for your system, either recovery CD's or a recovery partition. Often times this means a destructive process, i.e. it wipes the drive and installs an image as received from the factory. Then programs will need to be reinstalled from their original media and data restored from a backup.

If you don't know how the recovery process works with your laptop contact the laptop manufacturer's tech support site for info.

As an aside I think you should always have an XP installation CD rather than a recovery disk or recovery partition, and this is just one example of why.

Lastly, understand that this is a peer to peer newsgroup. Everyone who posts in here is a volunteer who does so on their own time to help others. You need to have patience in waiting for responses – sometimes it can take 24–48 hours before someone who might know the solution sees your post and responds. No one owes you any particular level or type of support.

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