

# Re: Machine keeps rebooting

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Gerry,

If the user's machine keeps rebooting because of RAM then you won't have a BSOD error message.

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Newbie Coder  
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"Gerry" <[gerry@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:gerry@xxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:e4ebc%23MHIHA.536@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:e4ebc%23MHIHA.536@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Jim

What is the Stop Error message?

Disable automatic restart on system failure. This should help by allowing time to write down the STOP code properly. Right click on the My Computer icon on the Desktop and select Properties, Advanced, Start-Up and Recovery, System Failure and uncheck box before Automatically Restart.

Do not re-enable automatic restart on system failure even after you have solved the problem as it's better disabled. Check for variants of the Stop Error message.

An alternative is to keep pressing the F8 key during Start-Up and select option - Disable automatic restart on system failure.

If you are using a wireless keyboard and the F8 key does not work substitute a wired keyboard and mouse for this exercise only.

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Hope this helps.

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Gerry

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Enquire, plan and execute

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Jim Ludwig wrote:

Newbie,

I'll give this a try. If it doesn't work, do you think I should get new ram chips? Also, there are only 2 ram slots. Does it matter which slot the 512 mb chip sits in?

Jim

"Newbie Coder" <newbiecoder@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:eEsaXEMHIHA.3848@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:eEsaXEMHIHA.3848@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Jim,

Shut the machine down, open the box, using a static strap remove &

re-seat the memory.

Normally memory causes it to always reboot.

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Newbie Coder

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"Jim Ludwig" <jimlud@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:9QmWi.3786\\$Vx3.2021@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:9QmWi.3786$Vx3.2021@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi all,

I'm having trouble with dad's computer. I did a clean install of

winxp and

it's still doing the same thing it was doing

which caused me to do

a HD wipe. Every time he plays a game, the computer shuts down and

reboots. You

can load a game (the ones I've tried are Tron 2.0, Jedi Academy, and

Flight

Simulator), go through all the initial setup,

choose your options,

and watch

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any cut scenes or videos. However, when the actual "gameplay" starts when you take control of your character/ship, the screen goes blank and it reboots, just as if you hit the reset button. This is not limited to games either. I have had the machine do the same thing while on the internet. It seems like it was doing that when I would download an Active X control or something like that. Not really all downloads, just the "on the fly" kind of downloads that you install while you're browsing. Any idea at all why this computer is so unstable? My brother built the computer with all various components. It is an AMD Sempron with 512 mb ram, an nVidia mobo and the video card is an nVidia geforce 3 6200. He built it about a year and a half ago and it has never worked right. I am kind of suspecting there is a conflict between the video card and the onboard built in video, but if so, I don't know how to resolve this. Any help is greatly appreciated. Jim  
jimlud@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx