

Re: Windows XP won't start upon boot

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The date and time was Friday, April 17, 2009 8:23:24 AM, and on a whim, Gerry pounded out on the keyboard:

Terry

Replies in line.

"Terry R." <F1Com@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:eDHMEV2vJHA.2376@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

The date and time was Friday, April 17, 2009 6:01:44 AM, and on a whim,
Gerry pounded out on the keyboard:

Himanshu

Sorry but I agree with most of the comments by James
Watkins. Whilst it is true that many of us have our own ways
of troubleshooting I would pick up on these points.

Pick up on these points? I guess you're the definitive answer now?

No just expressing an opinion like you do. Readers can take it or leave it.

Usually when someone offers an opinion, they don't preface it with, "... pick up on these points."

Suggesting safe mode options is fine but it is best to simplify
the situation where a computer will not boot. Thus opting for
Networking is a move in the wrong direction. It would be

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better to disconnect all peripherals, except keyboard, mouse and monitor! This would include disconnecting all modems, routers etc. Once the computer does boot you can then look to add back devices to try to find out the cause of the problem.

SM w/N is fine. It surely is NOT a "move in the wrong direction".

Only if another safe mode option works first.

No Gerry. Enabling the network adapter isn't the "wrong direction". I will suggest to clients or in newsgroups to boot into SM w/N and download a malware program or something that may be needed off the internet.

Running Disk CleanUp before running chdsk can be helpful but this is a non-starting computer so your point is academic until it does start.

But it isn't bad advice, so why are you knocking it?

I didn't!

"... your point is academic until it does start." is knocking his suggestion.

And speaking of "academic". YOU suggested disabling Automatic Restart!
And yet you inform this person that IT IS A NON-STARTING
COMPUTER!v

That was part of an attempt to get more clues / pointers to the nature of the problem. Actually "non-starting computer" is an incorrect description as the computer starts but fails to complete the boot process. I am surprised your razor sharp intellect did not cause you to correct my mistatement!

The point being that Windows is not loading is basically non-starting, to the point where your suggestion of telling them to disable AR was useless.

Providing a link to an executable file is totally wrong. This is the way to get a malware infestation. A Registry Cleaner for

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many are more likely to make situations worse rather than better. I cannot see how the suggestion will resolve the problem of a non-booting computer?

Providing links is NOT "totally wrong". It's done all the time.

To web pages not to executable files!

Which shows you didn't even check the link. So you criticized without knowledge, which in turn makes YOU totally wrong.

And speaking of "I cannot see how the suggestion will resolve the problem of a non-booting computer?" YOU suggested disabling Automatic Restart!
Take your own advice Gerry!

You cannot run an executable file from online if you cannot access the internet. Do you have a magic formula for doing this?

I wasn't talking about Himanshu's suggestions. I was directly commenting to YOUR suggestions. You cannot disable AR from a computer that won't boot into Windows either. Do you have a magic formula for doing this?

Himanshu suggested booting using SM w/N and you said it was wrong. IF the computer would boot and they followed Himanshu's suggestions, they WOULD be able to access the internet. But either are incorrect since Windows will not load. So you should apologize to Himanshu.

How about getting rid of that delimiter if you're going to reply at the top?
Take some GOOD advice for a change!

That's your opinion not mine!

If you won't manually remove the delimiter before sending like I see others do sometimes, here's a challenge for you. You like to reply at the top. I have no problem with that. My whole issue is with the way OE/WM inserts the delimiter when replying at the top which wipes out prior discussion in a post.

Why not take an hour, install Mozilla Thunderbird, configure it for your newsgroups (or at least THIS newsgroup). Set the reply configuration to reply above the quote, the way you like it. Set your signature file the way you like it.

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Then you can reply at the top, have your sig file, and the only thing that will change is that no delimiter will be inserted above your sig.

If you really are concerned about offering support, it would be a small move to help those who don't understand how newsgroups and news readers work.

Terry R.

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Anti-spam measures are included in my email address.
Delete NOSPAM from the email address after clicking Reply.

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