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The date and time was Friday, April 17, 2009 10:04:05 AM, and on a whim, Gerry pounded out on the keyboard:

Terry

Further replies in line.

Terry R. wrote:

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

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Replies in line.

"Terry R." <F1Com@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> 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

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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."

Where did you get that idea from?

It's not an "idea". Your comment makes it sound like "I'm giving you some tips. Listen up."

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 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

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internet.

That's advice given in a different situation!

You need to read what I'm saying before responding. You specifically said that using SM w/N is "A MOVE IN THE WRONG DIRECTION". It's not at all.

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.

So fair comment is not allowed in your Utopia!

You criticized a wrong comment, but defend your own wrong comment. Who is not allowing "fair comment"?

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!

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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.

You do not know at what point the boot process is failing so you fail to score with this criticism!

Maybe you should re-read the OP. If you can't reach a Windows Desktop, it doesn't matter "at what point the boot process is failing". Stop trying to defend your suggestion of disabling AR, since it can't be done in light of the OP's situation!

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

Ah you make false assumptions as you did with your post criticising James Watkins!

No, I made no false assumption. You state above, "To web pages not to executable files!" The link that was given WAS to a web page and NOT an executable file (at least using Firefox). James made a similar statement.

And speaking of "I cannot see how the suggestion will resolve the

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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.

The whole of these exchanges is about Himanshu's suggestions!

Not mine. I said to you on your first reply that the OP can't disable AR since they can't reach a Windows Desktop. Long before Himanshu responded. Exactly as I said in the line below.

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?

Yes using the F8 key. Didn't you know it is one of the options on the Boot menu. A description of the Safe Mode Boot options in Windows XP <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/315222/en-us>

Amazing. You say using SM w/N is a wrong move to Himanshu. You say you can't execute a file online without internet access (that SM w/N provides). Any yet you defend your comment to disable Automatic Restart by using Safe Mode.

If you read my first response to the OP, I suggested using the Safe Mode Command Prompt. Didn't YOU know that's one of the options?

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.

Incorrect. The process fail to complete in normal mode. We do not know whether all options fail. That is what I was trying to confirm with my original post to l-p.

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Your original post gave incorrect info. Read it again and tell me where this option is under the Windows Advanced Options menu:

"Keep pressing the F8 key during Start-Up and select option – Disable automatic restart on system failure."

So you should apologize to Himanshu.

What for? All I have posted is fair comment, not personal abuse.

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!

snipped –off topic!

Yeah, snip it away. You're just being stubborn. I have offered two different ways for you to top post correctly, one using OE that you currently use with QuoteFix, and another using a news reader that top posts properly (Thunderbird). You basically are saying "screw you" to all new posters and those without newsgroup experience by your refusal to keep proper post content intact. And yet you want to offer support. I don't get it.

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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