

## Re: rebooting on own?

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Thanks for all the responses. I went inside the machine to check fans and they all seem to be working fine. Temps don't seem to be an issue. There was some dust, but I took care of that. I also, as recommended went into the event viewer and browsed to see what was going on right after a lock up, but I didn't see anything whatsoever that seemed to explain it. I also viewed events from the past fews days and most of the items were 'information' rather than anything else. There were a couple of errors, but nothing that seemed to point at why this is happening. With that said, I went and check to see what was runnign on startup and shut down some things (there weren't a lot of startup items to begin with), but even at this point, this machine is looking up. I would say it looks up more than it actually reboots itself. I had thought it was a screen saver thing as it does look up frequently while in screen saver mode, but I do recall from the past that this doesn't seem to be the culprit as it will lock up when in use as well. Just always seems to lock up in screen saver mode too. So any other suggestions? Also, any chance that if a hard drive failure is happening that this could be the case too? Disk appears healthy, but I know it is old. Don't want to replace anythign I don't have too. Am just trying to figure this all out. I appreciate any more help you all can provide!

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On Mon, 4 May 2009 01:59:33 -0700, "Mark G." <[askmefirst@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:askmefirst@xxxxxxxxxxx)>  
wrote:

Have a machine running XP Pro and it has had issues for some time. This is an AMD based machine that my wife mostly uses. Isn't overly loaded as far as software is concerned and does have all recent patches and no viruses to speak of.

Anyhow, quite often, this machine will look up or will simply reboot on its own. This happens whether there is a user at the station or not. Just random! Kind of strange behavior and I am trying to figure out what is

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causing it. Was thinking of just reloading the OS or doing a repair, but beforeso, I started to wonder if it was beyond that and maybe a hardware issue causing it? Could it be? Could this be a sign of a faulty power supply? I have had power supplies act up before, but not necessarily in this fashion. What are your thoughts on that? Any thoughts on what to check? Would hate to reload or repair just ot have the behavior continue. Any thoughts to the best fix to this?

Thanks much for any and all help you all can give me. Hope I can get it figured.

Dust inside the system , causing overheating ?