

## Bios/boot problem

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Hello everyone.

I would appreciate some guidance with a problem I am having booting my system. This has only started in the last month or so since I moved from one house to another and set the computer up again when we were moved in. It was packed up for about 2 months and is now in a colder location (basement) than it was before (upstairs office). Here is what is happening:

When I power up the system appears (as far as I can tell from the panel lights and noise) to start normally, but either nothing appears on the screen or the initial boot screen appears and remains on the screen. When I press the reset button everything goes well about 70 % of the time -- the other 30% of the time two resets are required. Warm boots are no problem and all my applications etc seem to work normally. The problem started intermittently -- it now happens every time I power on.

I have checked the connections to the mother board (IDE cables, floppy, CD burner and PCI modem -- I have integrated graphics, sound and NIC) and have found no problems. The bios is AML. The system is less than two years old and is running Windows XP home. There are no viruses, trojans etc.

Does anyone have any ideas where I should go next in trying to diagnose this problem. I am concerned that a major hardware failure of some sort is imminent. Naturally, I have a current backup.

Thanks in advance for any suggestions.

Mike