

Re: Follow up to earlier post re Problems Starting WINxp

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Sounds like hardware to me.

If you've got a spare hard drive, you could try a clean install and see if the problem still exists, or do some diagnostics using one of the OSs that run from a CD.

"John Lowe" <john@johnlowe.co.uk> wrote in message
news:2rj02gF1b6mt8U1@uni-berlin.de...

- > 1..First post read as below.....
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- > *"Recently when trying boot up my computer first thing in the morning it*
- > *has*
- > *taken up to 8 goes to get it started.*
- > *It starts the usual checking and quite quickly re boots then comes up with*
- > *a*
- > *chioce of start windows normally, last known good config. , safe mode,*
- > *etc.*
- > *I click start normally and off it goes rebooting, gets a bit further down*
- > *the boot process and reboots. Comes back to choices again. I hit last*
- > *known*
- > *good config and it reboots and gets a bit further....etc. It will get to*
- > *first WINXP screen with users on it but then reboots from there. Finally*
- > *makes it after about 8 tries. Sometimes switches power right off and I*
- > *have*
- > *to turn power off at mains, wait, switch mains power back on to get it to*
- > *switch on!!! A bit of a sick computer!!*
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- > *Finally gets booted and is then trouble free, (see below for update). Have*
- > *tried pushing/wriggling*
- > *all installed cards plugs , sdram, etc."*
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- > 2.. Nathan replied..... *" would suggest trying a different power supply.*
- > *Also, are you able to*
- > *go into the BIOS and check the temperature? Try setting the BIOS back*
- > *to default and see if that helps too. If it is XP, you may want to try*

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- > a repair operation by booting off your XP CD, choosing to Install, then
- > press R to repair it."
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- > 3.. Update.....Reinstall has not cured problem when starting from cold.
- > May
- > try BIOS reset.....but....problem has worsened slightly in that on a very
- > few occasions computer has rebooted as I click on something even though it
- > has been on and running ok for some hours.! The last being a folder in
- > OE6.
- > Very strange. Thought I would post this extra info just in case someone
- > has
- > further ideas. Is this likely to be a hardware problem rather than
- > software?
- > Is it possible to tell. Full virus scan done and nothing there.
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- > Many thanks to anyone who can advise me.
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- > John Lowe
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