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 - *Date:* Fri, 17 Mar 2006 15:25:05 -0600
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Well I'm sure it's more than a few years old. I'm not sure if I understand what you mean by ATX motherboards. Here's a link to the info I got from the Dell site regarding the model he has but I don't see anything said about the motherboard.

http://www.support.dell.com/support/edocs/systems/dmum/specs.htm#system_information

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"Mike Hall (MS-MVP)" <mikehall@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:ep1TVXgSGHA.4752@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

New

That depends on the age of the unit.. older Dells did not use ATX motherboards and the pinout on the power supply was not standard.. look at the layout on the back.. if it looks more or less identical to the ATX motherboards available, then you can swap the Dell board out for another make..

The power supply may be an issue.. just to be on the safe side, either ask Dell, or just replace that too..

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Mike Hall
MVP - Windows Shell/User

"newtechie" <wgrant49@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:eoapmHgSGHA.424@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks for all your responses Mike. I'll just tell him to get another board, but do you think Dell motherboards can be removed and replaced

with

something else?

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"Mike Hall (MS-MVP)" <mikehalll@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:uCFr5ffSGHA.2156@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

New

99.99% of all computers beep to tell that all is ok.. the power
LED

does

NOT

flash on then off.. the HDD activity light flashes.. the hard
drive has

a

detectable vibration as it spins..

The computer in question has none of the above attributes..
you are

welcome

to try another hard drive if you like.. it will either
miraculously

make

the

above all work again, or it will have zero effect..

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Mike Hall
MVP – Windows Shell/User

"newtechie" <wgrant49@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
message
news:e9G9NcdSGHA.776@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Ok I'll let him know that. Before I do
though, do you think it would

hurt

to try another hard drive?

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"Mike Hall (MS-MVP)"

<mikehall1@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message

news:OapjZFdSGHA.1688@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

New

In that case, it is way more
than no video output.. no
bleep at

start

up,

no

power LED, no HDD
activity or LED points to the
motherboard being

dead..

a
replacement is in order..

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Mike Hall
MVP – Windows Shell/User

"newtechie"

<newtechie@xxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

news:ugPMp6cSGHA.1160@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi Mike,

I do not get
a single
beep
(bleep). The
power light
comes on
but

it

goes

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off and
there is no
activity
from hard
drive LED.
I see and
hear
the
fans(cpu
and power
supply)
going. No
vibration
from the
hard

drive.

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"Mike Hall
(MS-MVP)"
<mikehall@xxxxxxx>
wrote in
message
news:uJqvPbcSGHA.4384@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

New

Does
the
computer
appear
to
start
ok?..
do
you
get
the
single

bleep?..

does
the
power
light
come

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on?..
do
you
see
activity
from
the
hard
drive
LED?..
with
the
case
open,
are
the
fans
rotating?..
can
you
feel
slight
vibration
from
the
hard
drive?..

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Mike
Hall
MVP
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Windows
Shell/User

"newtechie"
<newtechie@xxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
news:ODMEfoXSGHA.5656@xx

Hi
all
-
I'm
trying
to
fix

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a
friend's
pc
but
I
can't
see

anything

on

the

monitor.
I've
tried
2
different
monitors
with
the
same
results.

The

only
thing
I
get
is
the
green
monitor
light
blinking.
The
cord

is

plugged
in
snuggly
so
I'm
thinking
his
graphics
card

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has
called

it

quits.
Could
this
the
problem?
The
computer
is
a
Dell

Dimensions

L500CX.
I
think
it's
an
onboard
card.

Would
it
be
safe
to
tell
him
to
go
buy
another
card
or
just
get

another

computer?

Thanks,
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