

Re: Computer fails to startup

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Veerle wrote:

antioch wrote:

It would appear to be more of a software problem then hardware.

I doubt that. If it were a software problem I think I would have to be able to boot from the Windows CD, but I can't. Also I guess I would have to be able to enter the bios setup, because this has nothing to do with the installed OS, but I can't either.

So I'm pretty sure it is a hardware problem... I wish it were a software problem, then I could just re-install the Windows. But now, not being able to boot from hard disk or CD, I don't know where to start.

But I'll post it in the groups you suggested as well, perhaps someone there will be able to help my out.

This most certainly is **not** a software problem. You've got failing hardware because the system isn't even going through POST. Here are some general hardware troubleshooting steps:

http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page2.html#Hardware_Troubleshooting

Testing hardware failures often involves swapping out suspected parts with known-good parts. If you can't do the testing yourself and/or are uncomfortable opening your computer, take the machine to a professional computer repair shop (not your local equivalent of BigStoreUSA).

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