

Re: HELP! Request PC Knowledge

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oldschool37 wrote:

Sir/Ma'am,

My PC is going hay wire. Respectfully request some advisement on getting my PC back online. I'm in the military stationed overseas trying to fix it myself. I don't want to get ripped off for lack of knowledge. My PC was freezing up. A dude I worked with changed up the fan and assumed that was the problem; he charged me \$70 in the process. It worked for a minute then a PC alarm just went off and wouldn't stop unless I shut it down. Request to know what will cause the PC alarm to sound off or the PC to freeze? The system won't even reboot without the alarm coming on. How can I fix the problem? Please advise. Any assistance you may provide will be greatly appreciated.

You are definitely having hardware issues and yes, it does sound like overheating although there could be other reasons such as failed RAM, failed processor, etc. There is usually more than one fan in a computer and since you didn't say which fan "the dude" changed out, it's impossible for me to say exactly what's happening with your machine without looking at it. One way you might be able to determine the cause is by making note of the beeps you get. Those beeps are audible codes and each BIOS has a different code. So you can look up the codes for your BIOS in your motherboard manual or by checking online.

<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&q=beep+codes&btnG=Google+Search>

Here are some general hardware troubleshooting steps:

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[http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page2.html#Hardware Troubleshooting](http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page2.html#Hardware_Troubleshooting)

If you can't do the troubleshooting yourself, find another dude who is more competent. Since you are stationed overseas, it will not be as easy to find someone by looking in the U.S. Yellow Pages. Ask friends and colleagues for recommendations.

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