

## Re: my computer shuts down after a few minutes of gamplay

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On Sat, 8 May 2004 07:31:02 -0700, "Kelly"  
<anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

*>I have the same darn problem. I have a HP laptop and after  
>about 5-10 min of game play, my laptop just shuts off. Is  
>there anyway to shut off the overheating thing? I can't  
>seem to open up my laptop and "clear" away the dust, doesn't  
>seem to help when I cleared away the dust from the back fan....*

Having just about launched my HP laptop out the window a few times for this shut-off thing I can offer a couple of thoughts. In my case the cooling fan had completely stopped working.

I opted not to haul it in for a (several) week repair and instead bought a cooling pad for it. Worked great and totally eliminated the heat related shut downs. I shopped around and bought one similar to the one in this link:

<http://www.xoxide.com/evnopad.html>

There are several types and styles available and I decided to get one which also included an AC adapter as well as USB power connection. Do a search if you are interested and you will find numerous models and styles of cooling pads to choose from if you are so inclined to use this method for solving the problem.

It is not the ideal solution but it works. The ideal solution in my case turned out to be moth-balling (I am using a polite term here) the HP and buying a new Toshiba. It turns out that the HP model I had (N5190) turned out to be notoriously bad for all sorts of hardware failure issues as I discovered when I started researching the problem. It did not help that an HP desktop we had was also not turning in a stellar performance and we had to replace some hardware in it. I am beginning to think that HP should paint all of their computers lemon-yellow, if you catch my drift, to provide truth in

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advertising. But I digress.

Another option if your HP is so equipped is to enable "SpeedStep" to slow down the processor and thus generate less heat. This was a fairly good solution for times when I was running on battery power and did not need full speed. It seemed to prevent the heat from reaching the critical turn-off point. Here is a little info about that (link below). My HP had this option but it was not enabled so I had to install the driver and set it up.

<http://snipurl.com/4mwt>

Hope this helps.

Ciao,  
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