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"nlee788" wrote:

>Hi ultra\_Classic,

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>Thanks, I will be able to try all these suggestions tomorrow. I

>really do

>appreciate all the good suggestions and help, I hope one of them works

>too!

>I really do not want to wipe out my HDD until I have tried all I can

>to get

>in there and get the docs I am after. That's going to have to

>be the last

>resort....I am a bit stubborn when I am trying to find a solution to a

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>problem. Also, thanks for the link to the spec sheet. I will

>certainly post

>back to everyone and let you know what happens. This is a great place

>to find solutions!

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>I did have an emergency Norton disk, but I have not been able to find

>it

>since a recent move. I do have a Norton CD which I tried to boot from

>and it ran a scan and did not detect anything, but I still could not

>reach the C prompt with it. I get an "invalid drive specification"

>message. I have checked the BIOS and the HDD is recognised, so I am

>hoping that is a good sign. I also went in and displayed the

>partition information...looked okay

>there.

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>If I could just get to the C prompt I was going to try to find the

>dir

>my

>docs are in and try to copy them to disk that way. Then just FDISK,

>reformat

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>the HDD and reload from the restore cds that came with the pc, and  
run  
>a  
>virus scan.  
>  
>Someone on this discussion also suggested I use another HDD to jump  
to  
>the  
>existing HDD by attaching it as a master and setting the existing as  
a  
>slave.  
> The other HDD I would be able to get a hold of and use does not have  
>Win XP  
>OS on it, it has Win ME. Can you tell me if that would that create a

>software conflict if I tried that? I do know that the existing drive  
>is NTFS.  
> As to your virus roll suggestion, sorry not that knowledgable....how  
>would I  
>do that? Thanks again!

Greetings nlee,

The more you post the more your situation points to a hardware issue.  
If you blow all the dust out, clean the fans/heatsink etc. and it's  
still a no go, I would again suggest pulling out the Memory stick and  
getting it tested, along with the voltages on the power supply prior  
to wiping the drive. At this point you have nothing to lose.  
I believe what Jupiter was referring to was taking the HD from the  
computer with the problem and going to another working computer  
(should have WIN XP) and attaching it as a ?slave? so it could be  
accessed and your files copied. I believe your current drive uses NTFS  
(New Technology File System) because of the WIN XP. I'm not sure if  
the WIN ME uses the NTFS file system or the FAT32 (File Allocation  
Table 32) like WIN98SE. This would create a problem for you. Hopefully  
both drives are formatted using the same file system.  
Remember that NTFS can read a FAT32 slave drive but not the other way  
around.

Please let us know how you make out.

Best of luck,  
ultra\_classic :)

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