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I'm running XP Home Edition, SP2, on a Sony Vaio

For the last few months, whenever I login, I can see my desktop for a few seconds, and then XP sends me back to the login screen. When I login the second time, I'm in for good. This doesn't happen all the time, just most of the time.

I seldom logout, I simply have the screen saver reauthenticate me, so its' probably the authentication that I'm logging into first.

Is there any rational explanation for this behavior, or any fix?

You cannot log on to Windows XP after you remove Wsaupdater.exe <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=892893>

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The problem may be an incorrect system drive letter. With a networked machine, open the registry and connect to the problematic machine and navigate to:

[MACHINE_NAME\HKLM\SYSTEM\MountedDevices]

and delete all values that look like this:

\DosDevices\C
\DosDevices\D
\DosDevices\E
and so on

When finished, make sure you disconnect the machine from the registry. There are other ways to gain access to the registry if you cannot connect to the problematic machine via networked Registry. Please let me know if you need information on how to gain access to the Registry if you cannot by a networked registry.

How to restore the system/boot drive letter in Windows
<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=223188>

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Theres a bunch of entries from \DosDevices\A: to \DosDevices\J:

I'm kind of reluctant to modify registry entries unless I know what they are for. Why are they there in the first place?

Did you try the first article? This is mainly the cause of the system immediately logging off when you log in.
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The "DosDevices" registration values are records of the drive letter for partitions and drives including floppy and CD/DVD drives. Sometimes when you clone/image the System drive (usually the C drive) to another hard disk, the drive letters on the cloned/imaged hard disk are not correct which will immediately log you off when you try to log in.

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When you delete the "DosDevices" entries, the system will re-create the "DosDevices" entries with the correct system drive letter when the problematic computer is rebooted.

Also take a look at this article it might apply to your situation as well.

<http://windowsxp.mvps.org/peboot.htm>

Ramesh uses BartPE in this case to resolve the problem but you can use Network Registry also to resolve the problem of immediately logging off when you try to log in.

I have many documented posts that was corrected when the System boot drive has somehow changed drive letters.

<http://groups.google.ca/group/microsoft.public.windowsxp.general/msg/5084ece45db278b2?&hl=en>

http://groups.google.com/group/microsoft.public.windowsxp.help_and_support/browse_frm/thread/e93e566898c87c2f

http://groups.google.ca/group/microsoft.public.windowsxp.help_and_support/browse_frm/thread/2c392e9aa1ecd938/8

And many more.

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