

Re: 2 Computers continuously reboot suddenly

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Codee wrote:

Good evening guys!

Yesterday, 2 of my computers on my home LAN stopped to function suddenly. The first pc running Windows XP Pro restarted from a idle state, and went to the post screen/mem test/HDD detection. It showed no disk drives as being installed. I thought it was a hardware failure at first, but then my other computer did something very similar a few hours later.

I was watching the TV show "Medium" on my PC, and the monitor suddenly flashed white and then restarted. Windows started to load like normal, but then it froze and I had to do a hard reset on it. Now every time it boots, it says "invalid boot.ini file. Starting from C:\windows\" and then restarts. This happens in a constant loop now. I tried going to safe mode, command prompt, and last known good config, and all of them start to load and then the system restarts. If I pick safe mode, it always gets to "multi(0)rdisk(0)partition(1)windows\system32\Acpitabl.dat" and then it restarts.

At first glance, I thought its maybe a master boot record virus, but i'm not totally sure? I doubt its a hardware failure in both pcs that happened to happen at the same time and have the same effect....I was going to try a McAfee rescue boot disk, but they don't work on NTFS partitions...which both of mine are.

Does anybody have some thoughts or ideas on how to try get this working again? Reformatting is a LAST resort, on my main PC for sure. I have around 600 pictures I very recently scanned in, and 250 hours of Digital Video I imported to make a DVD for my sisters graduation party....I don't know if I could do all that stuff over again in 2 weeks...

One of the PCs is running Windows XP Pro, and is setup pretty standard. My main PC is running Windows XP PRO x64 edition, with 2-250GB HDs setup in a Raid-0 Array. Both are utilizing the NTFS file system, the x64 pc has a floppy drive, and ALL SATA drives in it - even the CD/DVD Burner.

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Please let me know if you have some suggestions, or need more info at all.

Thanks a TON, its MUCH appreciated!

Try a repair install (I presume this is possible on the x64 edition)

How to perform an in-place upgrade (reinstallation) of Windows
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;315341>

How to Perform a Windows XP Repair Install
<http://michaelstevestech.com/XPrepairinstall.htm>