

Re: XP hangs on startup

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usually, not always, if you can boot to safe mode, that tells you it's a device driver causing a conflict because only minimal drivers are used when booting to safe mode. So, to use the 'ol process of elimination, start by removing your external devices one at a time..if it works okay after removing one of them, then check for a driver update for that device. Next thing is to remove one stick of ram at a time, booting after each removal to see if it's a ram problem.

One way to help identify what's going on is, while in safe mode, check the Event Viewer in Administrative Tools found in the control panel applet.

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I have XP Home installed.

I have had the machine for nearly 5 years. I have made no hardware changes in the last year or more, and have not (knowingly) added any software in the last 6 months or so. I apply Windows updates, and protect the PC as far as I can with Norton.

Suddenly, it stalls on startup. I get the "Windows XP" logo, but the little blue blips that pass across the screen suddenly stop. That's it! No more!

I can start the PC in safe mode, and I've defragged the hard drive (it was 80% full, but I've deleted enough stuff that it's now <60% full – and defragged again). No difference. Still stalls on "normal" startup.

I've looked at device manager and all the devices seem to be working normally.

This happened once before, about 2 years ago, and I got out of it by re-installing XP. I really don't want to go through that rigmarole again.

Any ideas?

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