

Re: xp pro blue screen

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just had anohter blue screen death – was listening to live video via
webcast – no problems ... a nd all of the sudden crash – error was:

0x0000008E (0x80000004, 0x8056a13c, 0xf8925c8c, 0x00000000)

have been googling to find out what it could be – but no luck so far – any
help?

Pam

"Ron Martell" <ron.martell@xxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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"Pam" <pam_staley-remove-this@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

thank you Ron – will breathe a bit easier and not buy another 'help'
program
:-) just wish I could figure out why all the sudden my pc is running
so
slow when opening anything – mostly IE though I guess.... and of course
this
stupid fp IIS problem I have

thanks again!

Two main reasons for slow performance:

1. Background "tools and toys" that are using up CPU cycles, leaving less time for processing of the current task. Press Ctrl+Alt+Delete to bring up the Windows Task Manager. Go to the Processes tab and click twice on the CPU column header to sort the list into descending order based on CPU usage. The "System idle process" (= time when the computer has nothing to do) should be at the top of the list and normally would account for 95 to 98 percent of the CPU time. If the system idle is less than 95% make note of the 4 or 5 other top items on the list and post that information back here.

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2. Insufficient RAM. Windows XP performance is very sensitive to the amount of RAM, and performance seems to suffer quite badly if and when Windows XP gets into any significant amount of actual usage of the paging (=swap) file. Note that the PFUsage figure reported by Windows Task Manager is basically useless for this type of assessment as it almost always includes a substantial amount of "phantom" usage. For example, my own system at this moment is reporting PFUsage as 453 mb. However the actual paging file (pagefile.sys) is only 80 mb in size, so there is something else that Task Manager is also counting as PFUsage (and quite legitimately so, based on the definition of PFUsage that Microsoft uses). But for the purposes of checking on the adequacy of the current installed amount of RAM what is needed is a measure of the amount of active memory content that is currently residing in the pagefile because Windows needed that RAM for other, currently more important tasks. Again on my system, that value at the moment is 39 mb. The utility that I use to find out this information was written by MVP Bill James and can be downloaded from http://www.dougknox.com/xp/utills/xp_pagefilemon.htm

If that utility reports actual Pagefile usage (as I have described it above) as more than 50 mb on a regular basis then it is quite likely that your computer's performance would benefit from having additional RAM.

Good luck

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