

Re: BSOD troubles on WINXP system

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Boy, I can't win for losing. I did something that in retrospect appears... well... stupid. When I was coping the user data from the old drive to backup, I got quite a few mis-starts. The system kept saying "cannot copy" x for different reasons. Some issues were passwords, some were crc check failures in transfer. After it found an error the system would just stop copying. You wouldn't have a clue where it stopped. (Remember in WinXP home, to copy data from a ntfs file you have to be in safe mode, and the screen resolution is terrible.) Point is, when you are COPYING lots of files and directory trees in bad resolution windows explorer, you can easily go crazy. What's my answer? Heck with it.. just cut / paste (i.e. move, not copy) the files and directories of interest. That way when you crash in the middle of a move you know exactly where you are, and whats been moved and what's not been moved. At that time, I also did expect my foray in to product key recovery to be successful.

After I finished copying all of the user data (successfully!) I did want to see what virus' were on that hard drive. I did scan the drive while it was installed in a different computer and found 12 infected files, previously discovered via Hijack-this.. and seven corrupted files in Windows directories that had NOT been discovered. I said... I have an idea.. I will rename the seven files from xxxx.dll to xxxx.dllold, reboot and see what happens. Perhaps I can then use product key tool on an operating system. Cool huh? Guess what. The computer now boots. to a graphical window. Yup, I have a blue window with a white cursor arrow. A real window, not the Blue Screen of Death. Thats it. Blue box and an arrow. Not a single thing more! You can even move the cursor around with the mouse. Its stable. Doesn't crash. Arrrghhhh! Apparently I took off too much data when transferring user stuff to backup. (The entire documents and settings directory is essentially empty.) I'm not really sure I want to go back to the other computer again...

In retrospect, I probalby would have been better off doing a scan of the drive while it was mounted in the other computer, then do the virus corrupted file / rename trick.

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Question.. Is there any way to go do recovery console and transfer data to usb flash drive ... (like a copy of ntuser.log)

Hey, wait.. I did notice that the ProduKey tool has the ability to search for keys on any computer in the local network. In fact when I look at my local router log, I can see the other computer! Funny thing is, its listed as DELL_DESKTOP Oops.. that could be a problem, as I know the box says "eMachine"... After five minutes, ProduKey shows not a thing... oh well.

Question: Is it possible to load a DELL corporate load and NOT have a product key in the software?

And hey, lets speak up for doing stupid things.. its how we learn!
(Hmm.. am I learning that Ubuntu Linux is a great operating system? Bite my tongue.. what am I saying?)

Anyway, thanks for reading! Ideas?

thanx, Zip.

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