

My computer is growing tired

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Hi All,

My computer is growing tired. Below this message are some stats about my setup that might be useful.

The computer is 5 years old now. I know, ancient by today's standards, but it's what we have right now. Over time, between installed software, uninstalled software, etc., it seems to have gotten slower. I've heard that every once in a while, it's not a bad idea to initialize the hard disk and reinstall the software.

Do people generally think this is a good idea? What are the recommended steps in doing so? Any other recommendations or preventive maintenance.

Thanks,

Greg

btw: I run MS Anti spyware on a regular basis and Norton Antivirus. I defrag on a regular basis. Temp files are purged. Error checking the hard disks shows they are fine. I'm also wirelessly networked to our laptop. (God knows how I got that running). Will I have to reconfigure this to get it running?

Computer info:

OS Name Microsoft Windows XP Home Edition
Version 5.1.2600 Service Pack 2 Build 2600
OS Manufacturer Microsoft Corporation
System Name
System Manufacturer Dell Computer Corporation
System Model XPS-Z
System Type X86-based PC
Processor x86 Family 6 Model 8 Stepping 3 GenuineIntel ~729 Mhz
BIOS Version/Date Intel Corp. A11, 6/11/2002
SMBIOS Version 2.3
Windows Directory C:\WINDOWS
System Directory C:\WINDOWS\system32

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Boot Device \Device\HarddiskVolume1
Locale United States
Hardware Abstraction Layer Version = "5.1.2600.2180
(xpsp_sp2_rtm.040803-2158)"
User Name
Time Zone Eastern Daylight Time
Total Physical Memory 384.00 MB
Available Physical Memory 116.47 MB
Total Virtual Memory 2.00 GB
Available Virtual Memory 1.96 GB
Page File Space 1.44 GB
Page File C:\pagefile.sys

Additionally, there are 3 hard disks. 2x 20GB and 1x 80GB. The 2x20 GB hard drives have about 2 gigs available on each, the 80 GB (which is used for backup) has about 45GB available.

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