

Re: Serious Problems

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Did you install the motherboard drivers? Is there an updated BIOS for the motherboard. Check for both at the motherboard manufacturer's website.

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"Tom" <tommamba@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:ec6b01c43cfb\$760651c0\$a001280a@phx.gbl...

> Well, I posted everywhere else I could think of, so here
> goes:

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> Computer Specs:

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> Asus A7N8X-Delxe

> Athlon 2100 (not sure on the 2100....)

> 430 W Power Supply

> 1 Gig Crucial RAM

> FX5900XT w/ 128 MB RAM Video Card

> 80 Gig Western Digital HD

> Windows XP Home w/ SP 1

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> If I missed any system specs, let me know. Here's my
> story:

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> Once upon a time (1.5 months ago) I had a 5700 Ultra Video
> Card and 500 MB of RAM in this machine. I was getting BSOD
> with various Page Fault and Not less then errors while
> playing Mechwarrior, Battlefield Vietnam, or Call of Duty.

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> Doing some research, all signs pointed me to either faulty
> system memory or video memory.

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> I ran memtest86 and got no errors. Then I ran Prime95 and
> got errors right off the bat that pointed me to bad RAM.

> So, seeing as I was in need for a RAM upgrade anyways, I
> bought the Crucial Gig of RAM and swapped them out and
> also did a complete new re-format and installation of XP.

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> A day or two later, again, more BSOD. To check for Video
> Card problems, I changed out to an old Ti4200(?) I had and
> lo and behold had no problems. Thinking I'd narrowed down
> the problem as being a faulty video card, I bought a new
> 5900XT to "upgrade" from the 4200.

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> Once putting the 5900XT in, it ran OK for a few days and
> then again, I started getting random crashes and
> BSOD...all with varying error messages, no consistency.
> When I got a hard lock with no errors, I checked the
> system log file and found I was getting W32 Time errors.
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> Figuring I malfed up the driver install, I went to do a
> complete format and reinstall yesterday morning.
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> Now is where it gets REALLY weird: I couldn't get the
> damned thing to format. I would get BSOD during format
> with no "true" error defined OR it would complete the
> format all the way to 100%, I would here the CD drive wind
> as if starting the windows install, but no windows
> install...it would just hang indefinitely @ 100% format.
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> Cranked it up one more time and reformatted and left the
> house for errands. Came back and windows was installing,
> asking for my CD Key, etc.
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> Windows loaded...then I started by installing my Mobo
> drivers. Reboot. Downloaded nVidia Video Card drivers.
> Half-way through the video card install the computer hung
> up.
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> Restarted and installed Vcard drivers. Reboot. Navigating
> through windows I had an error screen pop up saying that
> the computer had a problem and was re-starting in 60
> seconds or something like that. I couldn't write the error
> message down fast enough.
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> Computer shuts off, I start it back up again and
> immediately get this same "shutting down" error.
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> &*@# \$ it. I go to reformat AGAIN and I'm back to not being
> able to get past the format. So, I know the RAM is OK and
> the Video Card is OK so I try a different spare hard drive
> and it still won't get past the format screen and install
> windows.
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> I think I have ruled out:
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> RAM
> Video Card
> Hard Drive
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> Have not ruled out:
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> Motherboard (It's the only thing I don't have a spare
> of....)
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> Thoughts? Suggestions? Help?!?!?!????
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