

Re: Catastrophic Hard drive failure

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You didn't describe what kind of cooling you have in that system, which I think would be the most important component given all that stuff you've got... do you run something like SpeedFan to monitor the temperatures? How hot does it get in there? I find that a lot of slowdowns and crashes can be caused by overheating in a rig like yours.

Bill

"ubiquityxx" <ubiquityxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:3EC63A3E-73A6-4B3D-9D1B-D9BF01047E8D@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

> Here's my problem and it's only happened twice (knock on wood) with
> catastrophic hardware failure and the loss of 2 Raptors. The first was a
> newish install of Windows and the second the same install pulled from an
> image.
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> In Windows working / playing away. system begins to chug and slowly comes
> to
> a crawl. No mouse activity and hard drive freezes with light on. Upon
> reboot
> can enter windows but at logon system goes through same process of
> chugging
> and slowing to a crawl only to freeze; HDD light on. And we're back to
> rebooting.
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> Safe mode, freeze.
> Command line, freeze.
> Windows reinstall, freeze and login
> Windows clean install, freeze during install.
> Spinrite (in DOS), freeze (first drive 5 blocks / second 235 blocks into
> the
> process)
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> So 2 things come to my mind. It's a virus or a hardware conflict I'm
> unaware
> of. I'm posting just to see if anyone has had this issue – or if any of
> you
> know of a virus that does just what I described.
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- > I've since done a clean reinstall of windows on my other SATA 250GB drive.
- > And everything is working so far. Sent back the first Raptor to WD and the
- > second is getting RMA'd.
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- > I'll post with an update if the situation changes. With the advent of
- > imaging I won't have to do another install as I imaged a base install –
- > I'm
- > really getting too old for this.
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- > If anyone has a recommendation for fixing a hard drive surface or a better
- > low level scanner and formatter than spinrite – please advise away. See
- > below
- > for systems specs.
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- > Thanks all.
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- > No overclocking of any components. Only throttling video card with
- > Rivatuner.
- > Asus A8N SLI
- > 2x1GB PQI DDR 3200 RAM (slots 1 and 3)
- > 2x74GB Raptor 10k HDs (not in RAID but first was used as boot)
- > 2xMaxtor 250GB HDs (1 PATA / 1 SATA)
- > 1 XFX Geforce GTX 7800 256MB (overclocked version)
- > Sound Blaster X-Fi Fatal1ty (includes breakout box)
- > Dell Ultrasharp 2405 display (USB hub / 9 in 1 interface)
- > Windows XP SP2 (quick note – no issues surfaced until this last weeks
- > (11.8.05) patch).
- > 600w Seasonic PSU
- > *****not important but may hlp*****
- > USB Saitek keyboard / Logitech mouse
- > Wacom Intuos 3 tablet
- > M-Audio Firewire 410
- > External drives – Maxtor 300GB and Seagate 160GB USB
- > Floppy (I broke down and bought one – lol)
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