

Re: need advice on MCE problem

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Last time I enjoyed the BlueScreenOfDeath it turned out to be a RAM problem. Microsoft memory checkers did not find the error, but some other downloaded checker found an error is a consistent place. Chip swapping allowed me to ID the bad chip and go on from there. Think I'd try thoroughly examining memory before I throw away a hard drive – especially if the drive manufacturer's drive testers come back with the drive is OK.

"Gunnarh" wrote:

I did not find any disks for your computer at hp.com, but If you don't have anything valuable on the disk , maybe you should try just Error-checking under Properties | Tools if you have not done so already. That might disengage the cluster that is failing for you. And you might possibly live happy for the rest of the life of the computer or at least you would get more time to prepare for the switch. And, do call HP and ask them what to do. They might have disks to distribute even if they don't announce it publicly

"Leslie" wrote:

Thanks Gary – the more I look at this the more I am thinking it is a hardware issue. I'll try the mfg too for a test but since it failed 2xs in PC Doctor...well you know.

I have a different question then....currently there isn't anything on the drive that can't be re-created/installed so that is not an issue. However, because the os was OEM installed I do not have any CDs..so, if I get a new drive what is the best way to get the OS re-installed...would a complete system back-up to CD/DVD do it? Can I get a set of CDs from HP???

Thanks
Leslie
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Iscuras

"Gary Tsang" wrote:

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It is likely a hard drive issue.

What I'd do is to find the manufacturer of your hard drive,
and then
download their hard drive diagnostics program.
Then run that and not any errors that come up.

At this point, I'd backup any important items that you have.
You might be
headed toward imminent hard drive failure, and taking action
to save your
files before it dies will save you lots of grief.

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"Leslie" <Leslie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
message
<news:51785888-293F-48B1-94B2-4B640BE486D0@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Update to this post...I have found out how
to make recovery points – just
had to look a little harder at some other posts
here ;–)

Still need help on making a boot disk
though.

Also, I think it might be a hardware issue...I
ran the disk tests again
and
I DO get an error in PC Doctor on ... Drive
Test (18) "error reading
block
number 81454653: Data error (cyclic
redundancy check); engine (1) test
failed....and on the surface scan test I get...
engine (21) Start of
testing...engine (48) Started Surface Scan
Test of pcharddrive module,
version 4.2.113.1099' Error reading block
number 17065566 Data error
(cyclic
redundancy check); Drive test (18), error
reading block 81454653 Data
error
(cyclic redundancy check); test failed.

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Sooo, any hardware guru's out there want to weigh in with an opinion?

Think

is a HD problem??? Is there hope that it is a recoverable error and

there

is something I can run to fix it? The thought of buying a new 180Gb HD

doesn't appeal :-) Also, any hints on how to run the FIXMBR from the

recovery

console if your OS is OEM and there are no CD's???

Still would like to make a boot disk for

safety sake though so could still

use some help with that.

Thanks

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lscouras

"Leslie" wrote:

I have an HP Pavilion
M1160N that is just under 1
yr. old. (and no it is
no
longer under warranty). It
recently starting having
issues. It
sometimes
will blue screen; other times
it gives me a non-boot disk
error when
booting
up, sometime it comes up
with a choice to boot in safe
mode, last known
good
boot, etc. (However, when it
does THIS, it won't do any
of the options –
it
just goes into a boot loop
and asks the same options
over and over.)
Sometimes it just re-boots
by itself.

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I have scanned for virus';
worms, spyware – nothing
found. I have
re–imaged
the HD several times
already (using system
recovery) and it works for a
short
time before having issues
again. I have run a disk
check on it through
windows and through PC
doctor and neither find any
errors. I have
uninstalled every application
except widows, browsers,
norton and
email...but
still am having issues. I
want to know how to set up
recovery points and
how
to create a boot disk but am
not finding what I need. I
have copied the
NTDETECT and NTLDR
files to a CD but cannot
locate a boot.ini file to put
on
the CD – which I believe
you need to create boot disk.

My questions then are...

- 1) Has anyone had this sort
of issue? and if so – what
might be the
cause(s)?
 - 2) How do I set recovery
points?
 - 3) Where is the boot.ini file
or how do I create one for
MCE (V5.1,
build
2600
XPSP_SP2_gdr.050301–1519
Service Pack 2)?
- ANY help would be greatly
appreciated.

Thanks

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