

Re: corrupt drvmain.sdb

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Well the upgrade won't work. After setup copies the files it reboots, and my computer will only boot in Directory Services Restore Mode. So how to I continue with the win2003Ent uprade install.

Paul

"Todd J Heron" wrote:

> *Choose the upgrade since you're left with no other choice. That will
> preserve your existing settings.*
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> *Todd J Heron, MCSE*
> *Windows 2003/2000/NT*
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> *"Paul" <Paul@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
> news:1E17156F-CA42-4311-98D1-31172D95C624@microsoft.com...
> > I can however boot in Directory Services Restore Mode and then browse to
> the
> > CD and start win2003ent setup. I then have the option of an upgrade or a
> new
> > install. Should I try the upgrade or will that mess things up even more.*
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> > *"Paul" wrote:*
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> > > *Tried all the fixes in that link that I could. Still no fix.*
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> > > *I can only boot up in Directory Services Restore Mode. If I try to boot
> from
> > > the CD with the OS disk it seems to go throught the process ok coping
> over
> > > all the drivers but than hangs when you get to the message about
> 'Starting
> > > Windows'*
> > >
> > > *My system has worked fine for about a year and only stopped booting*

> after a
>> power failure rebooted it the other day. The last time I rebooted before
> that
>>> was the last windows update that asked me to reboot. I think it was a
> few
>>> ago. Between that time and the power failure I have not even touched the
>>> system.
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>>> Any ideas.
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>>> It seems there are many people out there with the same problem.
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>>> "Todd J Heron" wrote:
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>>>> Try replacing the drvmain.sdb file with a copy from an identical
> machine if
>>>> possible while in Safe Mode. If this doesn't help, then see where a
>>>> gentleman in the google thread below experienced the same problem you
> are
>>>> having, and referred the poster to this article:
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>>>> <http://www.longhornblogs.com/mrusso/archive/2004/02/02/2319.aspx>
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http://www.google.com/groups?hl=en&lr=lang_en&ie=UTF-8&threadm=O9gmriUXEHA.1656%40TK2MSFTNGP
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>>>> Todd J Heron, MCSE
>>>> Windows 2003/2000/NT
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>>>> "paulblus@yahoo.com" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in
> message
>>>> news:604201c4818c\$a395e210\$a601280a@phx.gbl...
>>>>> I have windows 2003 Server DC. I think I had a power
>>>>> failure and now the server hangs at the windows 2003
>>>>> screen when booting. Safe mode stops at the line with the
>>>>> drvmain.sdb file. But I can boot up to safe mode using
>>>>> dir service repair mode.
>>>>> How do I fix this problem.
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>>>>> thanks
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