

## Re: Can't see logon window (and a lot more)

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Kevin

Thanks for the response.

We tried booting in safe mode (no network) and in VGA mode. Both came up the same as the normal boot up, mostly black screen. I don't remember the settings on the page file. The only thing I can think of that fills it up is some sort of tempory files associated with active directory. Besides being a domain controller, a dhcp server, and a print server for three or four printers, this server is currently doing much

Jim

"Kevin Longley" <[kwlongley@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:kwlongley@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message

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> Can you boot up in safe mode and then examine the C drive for amount of

> disk space left? What are you running on this server that would use up

> disk space as you described it? How do you have the page file set up for

> starting and ending size (typically you make both values the same)?

> "Jim Pattison" <[jpattisonrem@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jpattisonrem@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message

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>> Setup: W2K3 standard with SP1 running on a Dell 2400, 1ghz processor, 512

>> mb RAM, RAID 5 with a container of roughly 180 gig, partioned into a C

>> (for system only) and a D for storage. C partion is relatively small

>> (about 5 gig I think)

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>> Current Problem: all we can see is the upper part of the normal logon

>> screen (after CTRL-ALT-DEL). the rest of the screen is black.

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>> Prior to rebooting, we had a normal looking login screen however when we

>> logged in we go a message that said (as best as I can remember it) that

>> Windows was unable to load our profile (domain administrator) and was

>> using the default profile instead because there wasn't enough room on the

>> drive. After that message went away we had a black screen with icons on

>> it. If you clicked on the start button you would see the icons from the

>> start menu but no words. If you clicked on the icon for my computer you

>> would see the icons along the left side and across the top but nothing

>> else. If you right click on my computer you can't see the dialog box. If

>> you launched Internet Explorer you would get the white screen that has

>> the verbiage about enhanced security and the icons across the top but

>> nothing else. If you clicked on shutdown you'd get the iupper part of

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>> the normal shutdown dialog and two icons that are the new update icon  
>> (yellow shield). We figured an update was in progress and left it along  
>> for 4 hours. Came back and there was no change so we forced a reboot  
>> (powered it off). Came back in it's current configuration.  
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>> Other Observations: If you log on remotely (remote desktop) you see the  
>> exact same thing. If you open a share, the share opens but slowly. One  
>> of the roles of this server is DHCP and, at least prior to rebooting, it  
>> was working properly. It is also the primary domain controller. Our  
>> other domain controller reports that it hasn't been able to back up  
>> properly because it can't contact this domain controller. In the past we  
>> have had problems with this server filling up the C drive so we moved the  
>> paging file to the D drive. A couple of weeks ago we discovered that the  
>> paging file had moved itself back to the C drive and was once again  
>> filling the C drive. It was moved back to D. An update was installed but  
>> we didn't check to see if the paging file stayed where we put it. We  
>> assume that the paging file has moved back and is causing the symptoms we  
>> see but can't figure out how to fix it. Other assumptions: we assume it  
>> isn't the video card as the display looks the same on a remote computer,  
>> plus we booted it off a CD and could see everything.  
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>> Sorry to be long winded but figured it would be best to describe this in  
>> some detail.  
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>> Anyone have any ideas?  
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>> thanks  
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>> Jim Pattison  
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◇ From: Kevin Longley

• **References:**

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