

Re: Windows 2003 Server hangs at splash screen / acpitabl.dat afte

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Would be better to go back to a stable state, and test further impact of SP2 on your system with a test system

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Cordialement,
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"GrantEllsworth" <GrantEllsworth@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:60245D07-E07E-4988-B9A1-7FB9DEE10E37@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I've got a backup, but I would need to install the opsys and the backup program in order to restore the original opsys, wouldn't I?

"Pegasus (MVP)" wrote:

Sorry, I should have placed my thoughts in a different order. Here they are again:

1. By far the best method to restore your server is to perform a restoration from a tested backup.
2. If you failed to make a backup prior to ther upgrade, you're stuck.
3. To create moderately useable backup, use ntbakup.exe.
4. To create a more useable backup, use an imaging product.
5. Alternatively, if your disks are mirrored, split the mirror prior to the upgrade in order to retain your existing installation on one of the disks.
6. If you believe that a restoration of update will solve your problem, give it a try but make sure to back up the original version first. If you cannot do this under the Recovery Console, do it under a Bart PE boot.
7. When I did my most recent service pack installation, I did not burn my wings. Instead I followed the stern warnings I had received from my local user group about creating and testing a full backup first. This was for a humble one-server

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"GrantEllsworth" <GrantEllsworth@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:E7902FCC-D3D2-42D8-B436-93C2A2DB44B7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
> Your answer is a bit confusing. On the one hand you're telling me > "Sorry
> that installing our updates hang your server so severely that you will
> need
> to rebuild and restore"; then you write something about backups and > using
> a
> drive imaging tool like Ghost, etc., and then to use a separate system > to
> test an upgrade – was that for future reference? This is scarcely
> practical
> for a one-server small business.
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> What constitutes an upgrade that would trigger such a complex >
> procedure?
> MS
> advises us to install updates they recommend.
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> Mr. Pegasus, your wings are getting burnt!
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> I need a better solution.
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> Does anybody in the august elite community of MS Tech experts have any
> comments about a solution that involves restoring
> %sysdir\system32\drivers\update.sys" from the recovery console?
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> "Pegasus (MVP)" wrote:
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>> "GrantEllsworth" <GrantEllsworth@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
>> wrote in
>> message
>> news:50F07909-B59A-45B2-99B3-5874AA90CB83@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>> After installing win2k3 sp2 on win2k3 server which had no prior sp1,
>>> update
>>> to dot.net framework 3.0 hung and I had to power down/restart >>>
>>> server.
>>> In
>>> normal boot, it hangs at splash screen; in safe mode, it hangs at
>>> acpitabl.dat. What can I do to fix without having to rebuild the
>>> server?
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>>> We are running win2k3 on a HP Proliant ML150 G2 with win2k3
>>> mirrored
>>> 80G
>>> SATA drives.

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>> Your best bet is probably to restore the server from
>> your most recent backup. If you do not have one then
>> you may have to rebuild it. It would be a painful reminder
>> to adopt this procedure for significant upgrades:

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- >> 1. Back up the server.
- >> 2. Restore it to a different disk.
- >> 3. Test it.
- >> 4. If successful, proceed with the upgrade.

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>> Other than the native ntbackup tool (which makes restoration
>> to a new disk difficult) there are several third party tools
>> such as Acronis or Ghost. In your case you could even do
>> this:

- >> 1. Remove the primary disk from your mirror set.
- >> 2. Boot the machine with a floppy disk, using the
>> second half of the mirror.
- >> 3. If successful, upgrade the first half of the mirror.
- >> 4. If the upgrade is successful, rebuild the mirror.
- >> 5. If the upgrade fails, boot the machine as per Step 2
>> above, then rebuild the mirror from the second half.

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