

## Re: virus or not?

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Kelvin, these drives seem to be damaged mechanically. You seem to have taken all steps to eradicate a virus, had it been a virus infection.

Sorry I can't give you anymore help, but if you've already started to try and reformat these disks, any information will be lost regardless if you get it to boot again or not, so I would replace the disk to be safe.

"Kelvin" <[Kelvin@discussions.microsoft.com](mailto:Kelvin@discussions.microsoft.com)> wrote in message [news:497D4FC8-92B8-455F-B021-9BA40D1BE037@microsoft.com](mailto:news:497D4FC8-92B8-455F-B021-9BA40D1BE037@microsoft.com)...

- > *No they are not related. only that each have had problems with ebay!*
- > *(unsure*
- > *about the forth, which i'm not going to touch yet) 3 have xp home the*
- > *other*
- > *pro. Just to run through my steps*
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- > *1) tried safe mode etc*
- > *2) used Home/Pro discs to recover CHKDSK /R*
- > *3) tried fix boot*
- > *4) removed HDD, set up as slave-would not boot? Hot conected it (naughty)*
- > *HDD found, scanned using uptodate norton-no virus, tried to format stoped*
- > *at*
- > *13%*
- > *5) Reinstalled HDD-primary boot failure.*
- > *6) Max blast failed to recognise it has a Maxtor. Which it was.*
- > *7) Power max low level formated it then said it wasnt there?*
- > *8) After numerous attempts to format Fat32/ntfs (13% stall) 2 other drives*
- > *went in the same way as above, just altering things around the above.*
- > *9) one out of the 3 drives was a definatly a worker!*
- > *10) removed battery and ram left ten min and tried again.*
- > *11) I have an 80 gig still zeroing*
- > *12) called for help*
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- > *Hope thats clearer*
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- > *kelvin*
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- > *"Joseph Scalise" wrote:*
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>> Kelvin,  
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>> After reading your post I can't determine whether all 3 of the computers  
>> you talk about in the beginning ALL stop at 13%...? If this is NOT the  
>> case, some of these disks you are trying to fix may be mechanically  
>> damaged.  
>> HDD are largely mechanical devices, I have had countless arms go bad in  
>> disks  
>> over the years. Listen for any unusual sounds emitting from the drive  
>> during bootup.  
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>> As far as it being a virus: Please reply with more specifics as to  
>> whether  
>> these computers are related to each other in any way. For instance, you  
>> made mention of this virus being an external problem, does that mean  
>> these  
>> computers were hooked up to a network in the shop?  
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>> "Kelvin" <Kelvin@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message  
>> news:F855E45B-5074-4233-92AB-9A16FBE2F12A@microsoft.com...  
>> > My name is Kelvin Harris and I own and run a small internet café and  
>> > computer  
>> > repair shop. Amek Computing & Training Ltd. Wednesbury, West Midlands.  
>> > UK.  
>> > Over the last 3 days I have had 3 computers to repair all following the  
>> > same  
>> > theme. My customers all report that when the XP logo appears their  
>> > machine  
>> > restarts. They will not start in safe mode, nor last good. Fat32 or  
>> > ntfs  
>> > formatting halts at around 13%. After low level formatting the HDD  
>> > becomes  
>> > unuseable? And subsequent boots report Primary Hard Drive failure. I  
>> > have  
>> > even tried connecting the HDD to my own system has a slave but again  
>> > 13%  
>> > seems to be the magical figure. I have tried various HDD drive repair  
>> > programmes inc Maxblast and powermax. Thinking a resident virus may  
>> > exist  
>> > I  
>> > have cleared the cosmos/bios and tried again! My question is? Is their  
>> > any  
>> > virus out there that displays these characteristics. During this 3 day  
>> > period  
>> > 2 other computers have been repaired showing no sign of this problem,  
>> > making  
>> > me think it is an external problem to the shop, although I cannot  
>> > totally  
>> > rule this out. I have had another computer in for repair showing  
>> > similar  
>> > symptoms. Another common theme seems to be the use of ebay.

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>> > *I hope you can advise*

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>> > *My e-mail is k.harris@blueyonder.co.uk*

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>> > *Thank you for your time and assistance*

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>> > *Kelvin*

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>> > *KLH*

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