

## Re: anything to worry about??...

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This would appear to be a hardware problem.

Open the case and check all the cables, in particular the power and data cables (both ends of the data cable!) that connect the NTFS main drive to the motherboard and power supply.

The machine appears not to be seeing the "main" NTFS drive.

"Ty" <[abc@hotmail.com](mailto:abc@hotmail.com)> wrote in message  
news:0b7a01c36e39\$78cd7d70\$a601280a@phx.gbl...  
> *ok thanks! so a virus is ruled out. however, it actually*  
> *happened again yesterday. i have two hard drives, one*  
> *formatted with the NTSF format (main) and the second*  
> *formatted with FAT32 (i took it from my old computer that*  
> *booted win98). the computer would boot up, but it would*  
> *take me to a C:\ prompt, stating above that it's running*  
> *windows 98. i checked the DIR of the C:\ drive and it*  
> *only listed items from that second FAT32 harddrive, as if*  
> *my FAT32 harddrive was the main drive with the OS. the day*  
> *before, i was able to log onto xp fine, and had not*  
> *changed or unplugged any cables. could this be associated*  
> *with the hardware issue you referred to as the main cause*  
> *of this problem? thanks greatly!*  
>  
> >-----Original Message-----  
> >I'm not worried about viruses, then. The problem you  
> describe could  
> >definitely be a hardware issue, or perhaps a software  
> conflict of some sort.  
> >  
> >Event log: Right-click My Computer, and choose Manage.  
> >Click the Plus in front of Event Viewer, and then click  
> on System  
> >  
> >Look through the system events for ones surrounding the  
> time that you saw  
> >the blue-screen error.

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> > Look at items with a Red X Error type, or yellow triangle  
> Warning type.  
> >  
> > I haven't got a crash-type event in my own log to look at-  
> -but you will see  
> > a typical pattern of events at boot time, so maybe find  
> the boot after the  
> > crash, and look backwards to see if anything useful was  
> recorded.  
> >  
> > Sometimes the driver or system file involved in the crash  
> will be recorded  
> > in the blue-screen message, which may also make it to the  
> system log  
> > depending on the kind of crash--(i.e. whether the system  
> was able to do the  
> > recording!)  
> >  
> > "Ty" <abc@hotmail.com> wrote in message  
> > news:0d0501c36cdc\$98af8330\$a001280a@phx.gbl...  
> > > thanks for the reply. how would i go about checking my  
> > > system event log? and what should i be looking for in  
> > > it?  
> > > i used liveupdate to update the virus definitions (the  
> > > latest one was 8/20/03) and then scanned my whole entire  
> > > computer which gave word that there were no errors.  
> > >  
> > >  
> > > -----Original Message-----  
> > > This isn't typical of Blaster, FWIW.  
> > >  
> > > When you get those blue screen errors, it is a good  
> > > idea  
> > > to record at least  
> > > the first few lines of what's on there.  
> > >  
> > > You may find the details in your system event log,  
> > > though.  
> > >  
> > > Are your Norton virus signatures up to date?  
> > >  
> > > You might want to scan with an alternative online  
> > > scanner, just for a second  
> > > opinion:  
> > >  
> > > <http://housecall.antivirus.com>  
> > >  
> > > "Ty" <abc@hotmail.com> wrote in message  
> > > news:068c01c36c64\$4b3a7ec0\$a601280a@phx.gbl...  
> > > > well, i turned on my computer today (for the second  
> > > > time

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> >> >> *today..the first time everything went fine) and*  
> *realized*  
> >> >> *that it is not booting up. i have xp and it went*  
> >> *through*  
> >> >> *the data check (stage 1, 2, and 3 checks) and it*  
> *finds*  
> >> >> *numerous errors...it the pops up a blue screen*  
> *giving me*  
> >> >> *some error..well, i reboot, and then everything works*  
> >> *fine*  
> >> >> *until it pops up another error: "invalid boot.ini*  
> *file*  
> >> >> *booting from C:\windows" and it reboots. the thing*  
> *is*  
> >> *it*  
> >> >> *keeps doing this (rebooting). is this what the*  
> *blaster*  
> >> >> *worm virus does? because i wasn't sure. well, after*  
> *a*  
> >> *few*  
> >> >> *more hours of this, i finally get the computer to log*  
> >> *onto*  
> >> >> *my desktop, however my norton antivirus prompts me*  
> *that*  
> >> *it*  
> >> >> *is possible that an attacker might be trying to*  
> *disable*  
> >> *my*  
> >> >> *antivirus...so i did what symantec.com said to do and*  
> >> >> *everytihng is fine..now that norton works fine (as it*  
> >> >> *seems), i scanned my whole comp and there were no*  
> >> *viruses.*  
> >> >> *does this mean that there are no virus? and that i*  
> >> >> *shouldn't worry? any info would be greatly*  
> *appreciated!!*  
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