
Subject: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 06:07:54 GMT
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Yep, if you were wondering why I haven't been posting anymore, my computer is broken beyond any hope of repair. I've replaced every single component in the entire computer, the only similar peice is the case. It will not start up. Currently, it just sits with... I can't even describe the chain of events or all the things that have happened. I've been working on it for over a week. It looks like I won't ever be able to salvage it. I'm posting from a friends computer right now. Currently, when I start the computer up, the BIOS posts fine, everything checks out and it sits with a black screen with a flashing underscore. The HD has a working Windows install on it, I take it to Nodbugger's house and it starts right up. If I put in the Windows Install CD, it says Examining your system... Then it says a certain file is missing or corrupt, off the CD mind you. The file changes sometimes to different arbitrary files. I'm completely disheartened and burned out with computers. All my years of tinkering haven't prepared me for this kind of challenge. It defies logic and scientific process. The fact that all the peices can be new and the problem can persist is mind boggling. I hope that you all see me soon, because that would mean that my computer was fixed, or at least that I found a computer to use. This really is hellish, being computerless now a days. Don't take your instant access to information and capabilities for great productivity for granted. You don't want to be without them...

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 06:55:04 GMT
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Weren't you about to get a new computer?

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 07:04:28 GMT
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Yeah I was but now I can't research the parts. I've been waiting for the FX series processors to come down. 1800\$ is a little insane for a processor... :/ I'm also now worried that my new computer wont work. How is it that a computer can still be broken when the only peice common between the two is the case What would stop my new computer from being broken from the start too? I replaced my Mobo, My HD, My Video Card, My Processor. I mean I've tried everything. I ran the MemTest Boot CD for like 4 hours on extensive settings, and tried memory from several other computers and tried my memory one chip at a time. I've run out of options and steam. I'm left with nothing.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 07:20:24 GMT
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Are you sure you checked everything? I mean, if it boots up at your friends house just fine, but not yours, possibly it is not your computer that is the problem. . . Maybe the outlet in which you are using to plug your computer into is faulty, or maybe your surge protector. Maybe your monitor is to blame? Just a bunch of thoughts.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [Xylaquin](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 09:02:31 GMT
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Dave Anderson wrote on Tue, 18 July 2006 08:20 Maybe your monitor is to blame?

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Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [mision08](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 09:43:52 GMT
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Your windows installation is corrupt. Do a clean install on another partition to retrieve any important data of the C:\ Dir then reformat and reinstall the main partition.
I'm confused, is it a new HDD with a new installation of windows? Sounds like you have the BIOS jacked up. Access the BIOS setup and choose the Optimized or Default settings, save and exit. Don't change anything even if you know it's wrong. If it still does not boot into windows, pull the battery out of the main board for a long time (24 hours would be best). Obviously this includes pulling the cord from the PSU. I would also pull out the memory modules.
Once you have it back together, access the BIOS setup and load the Optimized or Default settings, save and exit. Stand over it with a class of water and a threatening tone.

It is important to set the BIOS to default before and after you pull the CMOS battery, without changing anything. If you have to change a setting wait until you restart the PC. Also, some hardware info would make diagnosing a problem easier. Motherboard and CPU, make and model including the BIOS rev, HDD and how it's connected, Dimms, PSU, video card, optical drive(s). The more info the better. It's difficult to provide to much information.

You can get a good multimeter for \$20 as =HT=T-Bird pointed out, a bad PSU can be a big nuisance and very difficult to pinpoint

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [=HT=T-Bird](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 12:17:44 GMT
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Don't forget to check out the PSU while you are at it...

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 12:59:13 GMT
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The more new parts you have, the more likely one of them is going to be DOA.

I built a new computer for my dad's company a few months ago, and I installed everything. What was screwed up was the motherboard, so I had to send it back for a replacement. Once I did that, installed that and the rest of the parts, and it worked like a charm.

So, I'd suggest that you check each part individually, if you haven't already.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [Scythar](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 13:04:49 GMT
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Can't you boot to safe mode?

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [YSLMuffins](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 14:35:53 GMT
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Tried a Linux live CD?

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 15:37:10 GMT
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Xylaquin wrote on Tue, 18 July 2006 03:02Dave Anderson wrote on Tue, 18 July 2006 08:20Maybe your monitor is to blame?

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Hey, you never know. Some of the most ridiculous things can cause the biggest of problems.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 16:16:15 GMT
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If it makes you feel any better, when I was trying to put together my new computer (the one I'm posting from now), I had similar troubles. It wouldn't POST and the BIOS was beeping this error (I have an ASUS M2N-E motherboard and it was beeping one long followed by two short beeps, in a

continuous loop, on the off chance this same thing happens to anyone else). I tried looking up the meaning of the beeps on the Internet and according to a web site I found it was a bad video card--of course I'd bought the video card on Ebay and getting it exchanged was basically impossible. So I started trying to RMA my video card and it was going to take upward of 30 days. After about a week I got impatient and decided I'd go pick up a cheap PCI-E card and see if I could get the computer working with a "good" card. Of course it still didn't work. So I returned the video card and exchanged the motherboard. Finally I returned the OCZ DDR2 memory I had bought and bought some generic DDR2, and like magic it worked. I guess it was a bad memory error all along.

Then, of course, when I tried to load Windows I got a bad or corrupted file error on the CD, much like the one you described. Hooking up the computer to my old CD-RW drive instead of the DVD and DVD-RW drives I had in the actual case fixed that. After installing Windows I connected the DVD drives again, and suddenly it wouldn't load Windows. It just got the screen with the scrolling bar and froze. By this point I was pulling my hair out and was about to cry. It turned out that my computer just didn't like my old DVD drive; or rather, the DVD drive didn't like the IDE setup on my new computer. I put it back in my old computer to see if it'd work and it didn't at first, but when I put it in on its own with no other drives on the same cable/connector it worked finally. I decided that since my DVD drive was so finicky I would just put the CD-RW drive in the new computer. So of course I put it in the case in the top-most drive bay and was trying to connect it with a bit of difficulty because the case it a bit awkward up there with everything else plugged in. Now, if I hadn't just had all the aforementioned problems this probably wouldn't have happened, but my patience was wearing thin and I couldn't get the molex connector to plug into the drive so I just pushed harder and harder until eventually I broke the pins on the CD-RW drive. Ha ha.

So, in summing up, if your computer won't boot maybe it's an IDE conflict problem. I tried playing around with the jumper on the DVD drive I had but it didn't seem to do anything.

P.S. I also originally bought a power supply that didn't have a 24-pin connector. How stupid is that? I ended up replacing/exchanging the PSU, motherboard, video card and memory and optical drives before the damn thing worked.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 21:05:14 GMT
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I suggest isolating the problem even more. Try putting your parts in a different computer that does work, and see if it works or not. I think, out of all the odds, one of your replaced parts could be still failing.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [rm5248](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 22:09:48 GMT
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That really sounds like a Power Supply problem. Did you replace the PSU? Also, make sure that

you have plugged in all the power cords that your motherboard requires. (I know that some DFI boards require like 4 connections) What PSU do you have?

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 23:30:25 GMT
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Most of the replacement parts where out of my old computer.

He came over the other day and we reformatted his hard drive on my computer and reinstalled windows. There had to have been something weird with the hard drive because it gave the same errors when hooked up to my computer and using my windows install cd.

Should be good now, at least I think.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [mision08](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2006 01:39:52 GMT
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That would be a corrupt install of windows. It's not a good idea to install Windows on a different system. This will only give Windows Genuine Advantage and Windows Activation software the green light to supply you with endless headaches.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [PackHunter](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2006 06:09:48 GMT
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Doitle wrote on Tue, 18 July 2006 03:04Yeah I was but now I can't research the parts. I've been waiting for the FX series processors to come down. 1800\$ is a little insane for a processor... :/

With the new Intel core 2 Duo coming up AMD is cutting it's prices drastically next week:
<http://tweakers.net/ext/i.dsp/1153204748.jpg>

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2006 06:20:54 GMT
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Nodbugger that night when I came home from your house, I put the HDs back into my computer, and it gave the exact same error it gave before I came over. Hal.dll is missing or corrupt. I've given up on it. We're buying a new computer tomorrow (Realistically today) and I'll just put my old

computer on the back burner and keep researching how to fix it and see if I can maybe get it going in the coming months. I'm glad to hear that AMD will be reducing their FX prices which means I can get my new computer! I didn't think it would take this long for them to drop, I thought they woulda gone down a week or two ago.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [Scythar](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2006 09:10:35 GMT
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I'll throw in a random fix: <http://www.compphix.com/corrupthal.html>

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2006 09:24:52 GMT
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that is an insane price drop! Are you sure that's true? An Athlon X2 5000+ costing that much? That's ultimately cool.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [mision08](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2006 10:23:05 GMT
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Well, if you trust anandtech.com, Intel is poised to sweep the floor with AMD for the next year or two
Also, that price chart from tweakers.net may need to be converted to USD, I'm not sure.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [PackHunter](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2006 11:02:29 GMT
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I am not sure but these prices might be per thousand. They do that more often. How much they cost eventually in the shop will be higher then. But the high end procs will surely cost a few 100 less. And yes it's because the new intels are so damn good they will wipe the floor with all AMD's. It is suspected Intel will be on top again for the next few years with these procs. Although we won't know for sure untill some real world gaming benchmarks will show up on the net.

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Posted by [Scythar](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2006 11:09:08 GMT
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http://www.tomshardware.com/picturegalleries/gallery-2006071_42-1.html

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Posted by [icedog90](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2006 17:37:00 GMT
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Although that article on the Core 2 Duo seems rather biased towards intel, those benchmarks are extremely convincing. The fact that the E6600 is cheaper than the FX-62 and faster than it in just about every single benchmark... I think I'll get a Core 2 Duo.

The article mentioned something about nForce 5 supporting intel. Is that true? I hope so, because if I got an intel for my next computer, I'd hate to drop nForce.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [PackHunter](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2006 18:15:20 GMT
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Yeah, nForce chipsets kick ass, although Intel chipsets are quite good too I believe. I still hope AMD can put up a good fight in the future. I have become quite a fan of their cheap and fast procs. They have been kicking Intel's butt since the introduction of the P4.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Wed, 19 Jul 2006 18:58:07 GMT
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Yeah, I love AMD, but to be truthful I mostly buy from the brand that has the best processors. I know AMD will pull something out that's huge in the future. I really think they are setting up for something big when they released socket AM2. I know they wouldn't be stupid enough to waste all that time working on a new socket for nothing. They made it to prepare for something extreme, I'm sure.

As it always goes, one can't always remain as the king of the hill, but one can hold it for much longer than others.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked

Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 00:38:27 GMT

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Reverse Hyperthreading.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked

Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 00:53:22 GMT

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You CANNOT install windows on a different system unless it is the exact same system. Windows must be installed on the computer it will be used on. Has to do with mobo drivers and such.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked

Posted by [mripirate](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 01:40:30 GMT

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I've installed my copy of Windows on more than one system. It might not be legal, but it works.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked

Posted by [mision08](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 02:08:58 GMT

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Thread with a couple of good ideas.

Quote:boot to the recovery console...

Goto the "c:\System Volume Information" folder...

Inside there should be a folder with a long file name referencing to restore...

Then inside that folder will be several folders named RP1, RP2, RP3, etc...

Goto the highest number folder ie: RP128...

Then inside that folder goto the "snapshot" folder and there is a _machine_registry_system file in there....

Copy that to ya c:\windows\system32\config folder and rename it to "system"

But if he doesnt have system restore enabled then getting it from the repair folder is the only option.

Cheers

Quote:ok so ur windows is corrupted and ur pulling your hair.

Anywho this is what you have to do...take another hard drive and have windows xp installed on it. Make the formatted hdd that you just installed windows xp on primary. Make ur corrupted hard drive as secondary.

1. Turn on pc
2. let it boot into windows
3. restart
4. boot form your corrupted hdd (which should be fixed)
5. SLAP YOURSELF FOR BEING SO SIMPLE!!!
6. SLAP ME IF YOU CAN FIND ME AS THIS MAY NOT WORK!!

Anywho if that didnt work this is what you have to do..

1. Get ur xp formatted hdd (the one you installed xp on in our first attemp)
2. take that hard drive and shove it in a working computer and make it as secondary (do not boot from it)
3. go into the config folder found by going into ---> C:\windows\system32\config\
4. copy the config file and shove it somewhere on that hard drive (the xp hard drive)
5. take that hard drive and shove it in ur corrupted pc
6. make the xp hdd into primary and ur corrupted hdd into secondary.
7. now copy the config folder that you copied earlier on and replace it with the one in ur corrupted hard drive.
8. restart the pc with ur now fixed corrupted hdd.
9. thank me cause this took me some time to right.....

btw any mods feel like correcting my spelling feel free rofl....

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Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 02:40:33 GMT
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That hasn't stopped me the 10 or so times I have done it.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 05:24:20 GMT
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Nodbugger wrote on Wed, 19 July 2006 21:40DarkDemin wrote on Wed, 19 July 2006 20:53You

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Posted by [PackHunter](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 05:27:17 GMT
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Yeah, as long as it manages to boot up it will start installing all the new drivers right away, including mobo drivers.

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 05:47:43 GMT
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Posted by [mision08](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 07:55:32 GMT
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You need to install the RAID drivers. Usually found on a floppy disk supplied with the motherboard. also, make sure that SATA RAID and that "ALL" SATA ports are enabled in the BIOS configuration.

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Not true if you have a real Windows CD. Some prebuild PCs come with a "recovery CD" though, instead of the real CD, which only works on the computer it's installed on. Fujitsu-Siemens seems to do this. Sucks.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [YSLMuffins](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 18:16:03 GMT
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I think you may have already tried this, but maybe you could just stick with the boot hard drive installed and see if it loads? Or boot with an old-school floppy into DOS and try reinstalling windows instead of trying to boot off the CD?

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We both still use IDE.

Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked
Posted by [bigwig992](#) on Fri, 21 Jul 2006 16:40:36 GMT
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Make sure it's not something stupid like having your mouse plugged into your keyboard port, and vice versa. Not saying that has happened to me or anything.
