Subject: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by Doitle on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 12:29:08 GMT
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I am posting from my Wii. My nice new hotrod of a computer is broken. When I press the power button the case lights up and the fans begin to spin. About 3 seconds later it just turns off. Ihave no idea where to start trying to fix it... Any ideas?

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by CarrierII on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 12:35:03 GMT
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Power button gets stuck as ACPI PCs take a four second holding down of the power button as an instruction to turn off?

BIOS/POST tell you anything?

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by Doitle on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 13:14:09 GMT
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Nope. The motherboard is quiet and the power button is not sticking... Any other ideas? It seems like it would be Psu related to me.

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by Sir Kane on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 15:09:16 GMT
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Yeah, it's likely to be PSU stuff, maybe try unplugging some devices (like DVD drives) or removing cards.

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by EvilWhiteDragon on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 15:59:10 GMT
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unplug anything not really required to get just into bios, and see if that works, if so then its prolly PSU.
If that doesnt work then clear your bios using the specified jumper for that.

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by cheesesoda on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 16:04:43 GMT
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Last time I ran into that problem, my motherboard was fried by the power input, and I got a new mobo and PSU. My PSU shorted out. :\

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Posted by MexPirate on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 16:20:15 GMT
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ditto except fujitsu try and claim that it is normal for my CPU to be running at 90 degrees.

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by Doitle on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 16:26:56 GMT
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No... I need to replace my motherboard and Psu? That's 500$ right there. Is there anyway I can test anything. I'll try unplugging some components... I have no idea what flashing the bios is or how to do it. Man this is awful.

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by cheesesoda on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 16:35:29 GMT
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Well, if it fried your motherboard, you'll be able to smell it. DarkDemin and I noticed a burning smell, and when we removed the motherboard, we noticed it was burned on the edge and underside by where the power plugged in.

The thing is, my computer was working fine. It would post and boot like it should. Then the PSU shorted out and burnt the motherboard.

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by MexPirate on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 16:50:50 GMT
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until you replace the psu (assuming it's broken) it will be hard to test your motherboard or cpu.

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by Doitle on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 16:57:08 GMT
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There was no burning smell. So my motherboard probably isn't broken. I was playing Star Wars Kotor 2 and my little sisters shuffle was charging plugged into one of my Usb ports. She came up and pulled it out of the cradle and the whole comp froze. I restarted, bios came up and it showed no hard drives connected.us Restarted again and it did what it does now. I need my computer back! I'm getting Wiiers thumb from all this point and click typing...

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by Renx on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 19:02:03 GMT
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Told you to buy a good PSU...

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by Doitle on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 21:48:25 GMT
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I did buy a good PSU...

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by icedog90 on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 22:25:52 GMT
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Man, your computer just does not want to live around you...

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by cmatt42 on Fri, 29 Dec 2006 23:46:51 GMT
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Try reseating things, memory, graphics cards, sound cards, etc. If your USB ports aren't the mobo's ports, try removing them, as they may have shorted out when your sister yanked out the cable. If they are the board's ports, you're probably screwed anyway.

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by luv2pb on Sat, 30 Dec 2006 00:17:24 GMT
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I had a shitty P4 plastic heat sink clip break on a buddies PC once. It did that exact thing. Would start up but after a few seconds the safety would shut it down. Make sure it is tight.

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by cheesesoda on Sat, 30 Dec 2006 00:31:35 GMT
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It's a short somewhere. Check your USB port jumpers. My mom's computer used to shut down every time she'd take out her USB flash drive.

Subject: Re: Always with the computer troubles...
Posted by fl00d3d on Sat, 30 Dec 2006 06:05:26 GMT
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You can buy these fancy little PSU testers for like $10 at a Radio Snack.......

You simply plug the power supply cables into this piece of equipment and it has colored LED's to tell you if the voltages are proper, etc.

My guess is its either your power supply or possibly your RAM sticks have come loose.