So what do you think .. ??
Posted by DreamState - 25 Mar 2010 17:40

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Had loads of issues with my install of Win 7 - five days later and no resolution (and believe me I tried everything including setting individual reg permissions, windows installer clean up utility, etc, countless reinstalls, reimaging, etc). Looked like had to reinstall it all - I've ALOT of music apps, and the vst's and licences are all individual and tricky to reinstall. Some have their own copy protection apps, some just serials, some use the iLok.

I didn't want to reinstall.

Then found this ..

secedit /configure /cfg %windir%infdefltbase.inf /db defltbase.sdb /verbose (I WOULD ADVISE DO NOT USE ON YOUR OWN MACHINES)

In desperation tried it. This seemed to free up something and applications that were 'stuck' (all MS apps btw) managed to uninstall including all the stuff that refused to uninstall with 'unknown' registry key errors. Cleaned all up and reinstalled office (this is the app I first noticed the issue on). All working perfectly. Visual Studio went back on. Windows update working again. Phew.

However, then my iLok 'broke'. Sometimes windows recognised it but mostly not. Didn't seem to be hardware. Then loads of errors about my av. Figured resetting the security might cause issues so reinstalled av. Fine. But iLok still fooked.

So going to have to reinstall. Thought - if I'm going to have to reinstall, just as well make it worth it, and purchased a 60gig SSD. Got home tonight and noticed iLok wobbly. Compressed the metal bit and worked first time. So maybe not broken?

Question then is .. if my Windows ISN'T balked (anyone know what that command does specifically as found it on MS website as last resort?)...

... do I clone the boot drive and run Windows off the SSD or use the SSD for a data drive for steam, etc.

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by DreamState - 27 Mar 2010 16:48

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The moral of this story is..

If you have enough knowledge and you work hard to look after and maintain your PC, employ good practice, take care with installations, upgrades, the software you run, your security, just be aware that MS can still balls it up for you in totally unexpected ways. God bless. 😊

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by Tunes - 27 Mar 2010 21:01

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Well, if low on dosh, quad core (not i7) and ddr2, lots of mobos yet to choose from, but beware they will tend to vanish on the next months, also QC intel range of procs will go the same way and of course, ddr2, if you already have the mem, not a problem.

As for boards, asus is allways my bet.

Also, I've done this hack to enable ahci www.ithinkdiff.com/how-to-enable-ahci-in...-installation/" onclick="window.open(this.href);return false; and worked.

Also keep in mind, ahci does only affect servers, specially linux servers, due to command queuing, if don't use many Hardisk intensive apps, don't bother using it.

Using AHCI only really affects multiple streams off the disk, now if you are editing lots of sound tracks, that may come in usefull, but then again, if they are on ssd, don't bother.

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by DreamState - 28 Mar 2010 10:12

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Thinking these maybe ..

www.overclockers.co.uk/showproduct.php?p...-IN&tool=3"
onclick="window.open(this.href);return false;

www.overclockers.co.uk/showproduct.php?p...-AS&tool=3"
onclick="window.open(this.href);return false;

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by Tunes - 29 Mar 2010 00:42

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As for the cpu, seems nice, can't stretch to a qc?

The board, I have one like that, but p5q pro, almost same thingie, vogon stollen my 4gb ddr2 I had in it...
bummer

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by DreamState - 29 Mar 2010 08:33

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The link to the processor should be the Intel Core 2 Quad Q8400 LGA775 'Yorkfield' 2.66GHz
4MB-cache.

However, judging by this comparison, am I better of with the Core 2 Duo E8600?

www.xbitlabs.com/articles/cpu/display/co...uad-q9400.html"
onclick="window.open(this.href);return false;

I'm actually looking at this processor ..

Intel Core 2 Quad Q9400 LGA775 'Yorkfield' 2.66GHz 6MB-cache

www.overclockers.co.uk/showproduct.php?p...amp;subcat=567"
onclick="window.open(this.href);return false;

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by Greenie - 29 Mar 2010 11:53

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Ive got that processor! (E8600) I OC'ed it to 3.6GHz the day I got it for a bit of a boost and it does me great. I have a board very similar to that too, P5Q-E Pro I think...

For games, dual core will be best, for general stuff its a toss up between having faster cores, or more of them..

Aah, I'm a liar, I've actually got a E8400, which has a stock clock of 3GHz, not the E8600 which was more expensive for nothing cause I could overclock. I'm sure I could get 4GHz out of my CPU if I wanted, but it runs 24/7, so stability is paramount!

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by DreamState - 29 Mar 2010 12:12

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I've gone with a Quad for my music apps. Will aim to overclock to 3.2ish (similar to my wife's pc).

Asus P5Q Pro Turbo, Intel P45

Intel Core 2 Quad Q9400

Arctic Cooling Freezer 7 Pro v2

Thermalright Chill Factor 2

Took some time to decide though :S

Ty all for the advice and Vogon for your help today

Hope I made the right choice 😕

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by TheBlackWaltz - 29 Mar 2010 12:43

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Snap on the mobo 😃

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by DreamState - 29 Mar 2010 14:38

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Arrives tomorrow so PM will be doing the changeover and reinstall - glass of wine in hand...

Wish me luck 😃

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by VoGon - 29 Mar 2010 15:48

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DreamState wrote:

glass of wine in hand...

Wish me luck 😃

If its more than one glass you will need some... 😬

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