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 Tunes - 29 Mar 2010 17:43

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DreamState wrote:

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

Wish me luck

Make that a bottle

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Re: So what do you think .. ??

Posted by DreamState - 30 Mar 2010 19:36

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Main installation/upgrade done. Win 7 installed in 8-10 minutes!

Unfortunately, ofc, it won't activate as I changed the motherboard - BS MS.

Will have to contact them grrr..

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Re: So what do you think .. ??

Posted by Tunes - 30 Mar 2010 22:02

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er... torrent?! 😊

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by VoGon - 31 Mar 2010 08:55

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Yeah, M$ sucks on that, if you change the mobo its a different pc for them, but again, so is time different for them... the microsoft minute...

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by DreamState - 31 Mar 2010 09:18

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So, Win 7 fooked so thought had to reinstall.

Figured get an SSD if I was going to have to reinstall - make it worth it.

iLok breaks. Coincidence?

By time SSD arrives, Win 7 fixed so cloned HD to SSD.

SSD keeps dissapearing in mobo so try multiple fixes and in end figure mobo problem.

Buy new mobo and processor, spend whole evening setting up Win and all music apps (each with it's own unique activation process).

Win 7 won't activate.

Switch PC off annoyed.

Forgot to do something so turn back on.

SSD missing from BIOS.....

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by Tunes - 31 Mar 2010 11:08

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Its one of those things, if you have a spare hd, clone that ssd installation to it and activate the AHCI on the bios and... get a decent windows 7 already activated (you already bought so.. not really piracy) and check if things go.

Also, some bioses may feel stupid with ahci and some have tweaks for that, google mobo model and version with ssd, maybe you can find something.

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by DreamState - 31 Mar 2010 12:51

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Managed to get AHCI working finally - not sure why it failed during install.

Will monitor to see if SSD doesn't appear in BIOS again with AHCI enabled.

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by DreamState - 01 Apr 2010 11:15

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SSD is being returned

Going to stick to normal HD's for now - might get a second monitor instead 😊

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Re: So what do you think .. ??
Posted by Tunes - 01 Apr 2010 16:11

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DreamState wrote:

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Damn, thats weird, prolly it has some malfunction, i've installed two of those here at work on server and they work pretty well with no glitches...

Second monitor is allways cool, nowadays I can't imagine working with only one, back at my previous work I had 4 on my desk 😊

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