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Subject: Re: My Computer is Teh Broked

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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 is 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.

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