Subject: Computer Lockup Posted by Cpo64 on Sun, 07 Jan 2007 13:44:02 GMT

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My computer about once a week, randomly freezes, its normally late at night, some time after midnight, but before 9am. As far as I can tell there are no scheduled tasks running.

Generally when it happens, I find my computer in the morning completely locked up, mouse, clock, everything frozen at the moment it happened. Tonight I actually experienced the lock up while at the computer, first is froze, for 30 seconds or so, then it began to run again, then it locked solid. Restarted computer, it locked up during the reboot. Then I shut off the power, opened the case and let it cool down a bit (even tho the CPU was only at 29C.) After a few min I booted the computer, it loaded windows, only to do the freeze, go, total lockup as before. I then de-powered the system, waited a while, booted it back up using a ubuntu live cd. Which froze during the boot. Giving me the impression this is a hardware issue. I then ran chkdisk which didn't seem to find anything.

My guess its either my ram, or my video card. Tomorrow I'm going to run a memory test to see if something is wrong with that, but I doubt its the problem. Is there anyways to find out if my video card is overheating or generally dieing? What else could be the problem?

CPU Athlon 3200+ <-- Old
GPU Radeon x700 <-- Old
RAM Kingston HyperX PC3200 2x512mb Dual Channel Memory <-- Recent upgrade