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Posted by [Zion](#) on Sat, 20 Jan 2007 23:35:55 GMT  
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Posted by [=HT=T-Bird](#) on Sun, 21 Jan 2007 00:18:54 GMT  
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Sounds like your Win32 subsystem is pretty badly mangled. You may have to restore user32.dll from your Windows CD.

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Posted by [Ox90](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2007 15:30:44 GMT  
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why wouldnt it let you?

just boot from your windows cd and reinstall.

i think its called "repairing" a available windows installation. setup should search your disk and tell you that there is an existing windows installation. there should be an option to "repair" (re-install with keeping the files and stuff) it.

never did it so i cant tell exactly but it should only overwrite the (important) system files.

and you cant repair your current windows at all? (without re-installing i mean)

regards  
Ox90

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Subject: Re: Major but not so major problem.  
Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2007 17:16:21 GMT  
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I have noticed that media cards (such as memoryStick Pro etc) tend to crash explorer if you leave them in for a long time, or try to transfer from one to another, but that could just be my windows xp being a moron

Usually when I unplug the memory card explorer starts responding again, but until I do My Computer shows that I have no cd drives, hard drives or anything, and explorer grinds to a halt...

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0x90 wrote on Mon, 22 January 2007 15:30

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No, i tried but a needed file at the very end (can't remember its name) and it never copied into the temp folder to re-install everything again.

I had to revert to installing windows on another hard drive (which i had planned from my server) and use that as my system drive, then transfer all the files. Now it's just installing the 100-n-odd apps back onto the harddrive.

So, until i encounter my next problem (probably same time next month ) all is well

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Subject: Re: Major but not so major problem.

Posted by [Caveman](#) on Tue, 23 Jan 2007 07:49:38 GMT

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To run system restore (if you still want to give it a try) Start > Run >  
%SystemRoot%\system32\restore\rstrui.exe

That will loadup system restore.

I would also advice you use DOS to xcopy your Windows disk to your HardDrive for backup purposes. I still have 95/98SE on my C: for backups.

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There is no system to run a system restore, formatted it yesterday.

I tried it but it wouldn't let me go back in the months :S

Oh well, the disk's fine since it's what i used to install windows with, just don't know what was wrong with that file :S

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