

Re: USB drive problem

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On Sep 4, 1:14 pm, Spehro Pefhany <speffS...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Tue, 04 Sep 2007 14:53:34 -0500, Tim Wescott
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wrote:

OK, this is totally off-topic, but y'all are smart:

I have a Dell Dimension 8300, with XP-Pro installed. I've had it for four years, and since day 1 it's not been able to read USB drives. Not thumb drives, not digital cameras that are mapped as USB drives, nothing. These are all devices that work fine on various other Windows and Linux boxes in my house.

When I plug a thumb drive into the thing, the only indication that it's there is that waaaay down in device manager, an "Unknown Device" shows up in the USB tree.

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Every other USB thing I've tried in the box has worked perfectly.

Anybody got any clues for me?

Thanks.

Obvious question: Have you updated all the drivers and BIOS? It sounds like all "mass storage" devices are not working.

Best regards,
Spehro Pefhany

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Either that, or a bad mainboard.

(Let's hope it's a driver issue!)

If it's a bad mainboard, quick and (relatively) cheap solution is to use a PCI USB card. Remember: swapping out the mainboard will void your XP license.

Michael

I just did it, and Microsoft gave me the code to activate XP from the CD that came with the system 3 – 4 years ago. Activation was done by voice response unit, which asks you if the reason you need a new code is motherboard replacement. So it seems doubtful that changing the board would void the warranty, but YMMV.

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