

Re: OT: My Keyboard Devil (was Re: z-value)

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R. Martin wrote:

> Reef Fish wrote:

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>> All this lead to my serious question about my "Keyboard Devil".

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>> Recently, I've encountered this on BOTH of my laptops running

>> Windows-XP:

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>> I would be typing a sentence and sometimes the curser would

>> jump to the middle of a line/word several lines away -- and

>> I have to make the necessary corrections to what the devil did,

>> and resume where I left off ... and then the devil would do it

>> again.

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>> Has ANYONE ELSE encountered this phenomenon in using Windows XP?

>> I suspect it's peculiar to the combination of laptops and Windows
XP.

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>> It's getting to be increasingly aggrevating, and that's why I am

>> taking this opportunity to make this OT post to see if one of you

>> computer experts can tell me what the devil is my keyboard devil

>> doing and how I may eliminate that random-jump behavior of the
cursor.

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>> Thanks.

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>> -- Bob.

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> I just got a laptop with XP. I don't think I've had that problem
while

> typing, but I do find the little touch pad mouse device is sensitive

> to even having a finger hovering too close, and sometimes the cursor

> will jump to a place I don't want or even open a program

> unintentionally. Maybe your thumbs are sending signals via the touch

> pad. Good luck.

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What you observed is very true! The over-sensitivity of the "touch pad mouse device", and the touch pad itself.

As a result, I had stopped using my fingers and used a wireless mouse on one laptop, and a wired mouse on the other.

I think you may have identified my Keyboard Devil as Mm Curie accidentally discovered X-ray.

> Maybe your thumbs are sending signals via the touch pad.

That must be it! Since I am more or less "all thumbs", and my thumbs do hang over parts of the keypad when I type ...

I'll try MASKING the entire touch pad to block any signals from my thumbs and see if that makes a difference.

Thanks for your observation and conjecture!

— Bob.

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