

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

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On 7 Apr 2005 18:50:58 -0700, "Reef Fish"
<Large_Nassau_Grouper@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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> Reef Fish wrote:
>> R. Martin wrote:
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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?
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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.
>>
>> I think you may have identified my Keyboard Devil as Mm Curie
>> accidentally discovered X-ray.
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>>> 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 ...
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>
> I masked my laptop keyboard with a credit-card sized plastic card
> so that no part of it was exposed to my thumbs of any part of my hand.
> Sure enough! That seemed to have driven away my Keyboard Devil!
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> Sorry for bring up the OT topic here. Perhaps others may benefit

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> from it. The random jumping cursor seemed to be the result of the
> combination of LAPTOP and Windows-XP.

My experience includes the random, phantom 'clicks',
so I try to keep my cursor in innocent locations.
Clicks can move the cursor, but they can do worse.
I suffered one unrecoverable accidental deletion,
which included a self-initiated 'delete' and then
the self-initiated 'yes-I'm-sure'.

This did not happen when my Laptop-plus-XP was new.
I had a caught-virus incident, followed by my trying to
secure my computer. Norton detected a virus, apparently,
and then crashed itself irrevocably. -- I had never set
a back-up point, mistakenly thinking such a thing was
had been done by some other default.

Then, by accident, I managed to grossly disable my track-pad
by changing some setting. My problem first appeared, it
seemed to me, after fixing that, and after running some
additional anti-virus software. -- I did a bunch of stuff in
a short period of time

That was months ago. I expect that the bad behavior could
be a virus effect, showing up after a re-boot or two, or it could
be a side effect from my solutions to the virus.

I'll be pleased if the 'click' behavior can be cured.
Maybe I'll try a credit card over that part of the pad....

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