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Subject: Re: CPU load question

Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Mon, 09 Jan 2006 18:10:15 GMT

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Start>Run>type msconfig>OK>Startup>find the McAfee app that is running and untick the arrow in the box>reboot

You will get a message upon restarting saying that you are operating in a different mode. Just untick the checkmark in the box that asks if you want

to be remended every time you start your computer.

If this works, then all you have to do is turn off McAfee when you are using your machine as a DAW, then reenable McAfee in the Startup configuration before you use log on to the internet.

You definitely shouldn't be having 50% CPU usage when idling, but if this is a Dell, Compaq, HP, IBM, Gateway or any other \*branded\* computer, it probably has all sorts of proprietary crap running in the background.

Another issue may be that your hrd drive is running in PIO mode instead of DMA mode. You might check this in the device manager in the IDE controllers section of the Devices tree.

Good luck,

Deej

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Posted by [JeffH](#) on Mon, 09 Jan 2006 19:17:56 GMT

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Posted by [JeffH](#) on Mon, 09 Jan 2006 20:44:45 GMT

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Subject: Re: CPU load question  
Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Tue, 10 Jan 2006 03:42:56 GMT  
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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Tue, 10 Jan 2006 05:03:45 GMT  
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Go to <http://housecall.antivirus.com> and scan the whole computer. Sounds like a hidden process to me.

Also, go to [www.micorosoft.com](http://www.micorosoft.com) and get their sony rootkit tool if you think there's even a "slight" chance you put a Sony audio CD in your drive that has this malware built in

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Posted by [Dimitrios](#) on Tue, 10 Jan 2006 08:48:10 GMT  
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It works great and has removed crap from my kids' computer when no other

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With computers as cheap as they are, I may just get a new DAW-only machine, and then I won't have to worry about the crazy ol' web clogging up my PARIS stuff...

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