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Posted by brandon[2] on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 00:56:05 GMT
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It may or may not be your problem.

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Thanks Kim I will look for that.
I didn't notice any blown caps,(leaking)but I will check again.
I looked all over the board for fried parts but didnt see anything.

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Just for laughs, try re-seating the graphics card, (or try a
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From memory I had this happen some years ago, and the damn thing
came good after a jiggle.
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Posted by shana on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 17:08:52 GMT

Also (not having followed this thread), I assume you have reset
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Regardless of whether your bios is corrupt, or fritzed,
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in effect give your motherboard a dual-bios capability.
(a backup solution).
As far as I can tell, your original bios needs to be intact
for it to work.
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http://www.techspot.com/reviews/hardware/bios_saviour/
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Subject: Re: Computer crash Help please..(one more thought).
Posted by Kim W on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 17:37:54 GMT

Sorry I couldn't condense my thoughts into one post.
The fact that on occasion the mobo has started to P.O.S.T. leads me to think
that the bios is not fried. Corrupt maybe, but a reset could fix that.
If not, I am speculating that your power supply rails have
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Posted by brandon[2] on Sun, 03 Sep 2006 01:02:47 GMT
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Posted by Kim W on Tue, 05 Sep 2006 06:46:07 GMT

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