

Re: Laptop Keyboard asdf, jkl;, enter disabled on boot up

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On Saturday 13 December 2008, Jim Duda wrote:

I have a very weird problem.

Running FC9, Compaq Presario F500. Only about a year old.

Recently (past few weeks), whenever I boot up, the following keys are non responsive; asdfjkl; and the enter key.

If I wait a few minutes, like 3 or 4 minutes, they start working. If I restart a couple of times, they start working too, however, I think this is the same 3-4 minute delay.

It would appear to be a hardware problem (bad keyboard), however, once the keys start working, I never have another problem, until the next reboot.

Could there be some software issue here?

I really like the laptop, works well, I really don't want to take it apart unless I have to.

Jim

I suspect the keyboard has been contaminated, possibly by a soft drink?

I won't be responsible, but I've heard, and did it just once 15 years ago, that the top rack in the dishwasher is safe. Use only a teensy amount of a liquid detergent, something that can be completely removed by the rinsing the dishwasher does. Common dishwasher powders are very brutal, but a few drops of Palmolive or Joy have been reported to work. I'd remove it before the dry cycle gets too hot, and let it dry in air a couple of days before putting it back in the lappy.

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Cheers, Gene

"There are four boxes to be used in defense of liberty:
soap, ballot, jury, and ammo. Please use in that order."

–Ed Howdershelt (Author)

You will be singled out for promotion in your work.

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