

Computing Advice

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Useful Third Party Sites. One way of ferreting out useful third-party sites is to repeat your error-message search on Google, Yahoo Search, or another general-purpose engine. Often this leads to obscure newsgroups or user forums where you may gain insights from others who have had a similar problem.

Fresh Diagnose. Benchmark your PC and check whether it lives up to the manufacturer's claims.

<http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file/fid,22444-order,1-page,1-c,alldownloads/description.html>