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Some common symptoms of a failing hard drive (be aware, however, that some of these symptoms can be indicative of other problems, such as spyware or failure of other hardware parts).

Behavior

- rhythmic clicking, chugging
- slowness in booting up and once logged in, with constant hard drive usage
- "no entry" symbol on OS X boot
- hard drive not listed in BIOS

Error messages

- no operating system found (cannot boot into Windows)
- corruption in \WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CONFIG\SYSTEM OR \WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CONFIG\SOFTWARE (cannot boot into Windows)
- data cyclic redundancy
- delayed write error
- bad clusters found in checkdisk