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## ? 1. Using Event Viewer to Identify Hidden Errors

Event Viewer logs system, application, and driver-level issues that often go unnoticed.

How it helps:

Identifies repeated crashes or failed services

Pinpoints driver and startup failures

Where to check:

Event Viewer -> Windows Logs -> System/Application

Focus on critical and error entries that occur frequently, not one-time warnings.

## ? 2. System File Integrity Checks (SFC & DISM)

Corrupted system files can cause unexplained behavior.

Commands (run as administrator):

sfc /scannow

DISM /Online /Cleanup-Image /RestoreHealth

These tools verify and repair Windows system components safely.

## ? 3. Analyzing Startup & Background Processes

A slow system is often caused by unnecessary background services.

Tools to use:

Task Manager -> Startup tab

Task Manager -> Processes (sort by CPU / Disk)

Disable only non-essential startup apps. Avoid touching system services unless you understand their purpose.

## ? 4. Checking Memory & Disk Health

Hardware issues often appear as software problems.

Memory Diagnostic:

Run mdsched.exe and reboot to check RAM issues.

Disk Check:

Use chkdsk /scan to detect file system errors without forcing a reboot.

## ? 5. Driver Conflicts & Stability Issues

Drivers are a common source of system instability.

Best practices:

Avoid “driver booster” tools

Update drivers only from official sources

Roll back drivers if issues appear after updates

Device Manager often reveals hidden conflicts through warning symbols.

## ? 6. Clean Boot for Isolation Testing

Clean Boot helps identify whether issues are caused by third-party software.

Steps:

Disable non-Microsoft services

Disable startup applications

Reboot and test system behavior

This method is highly effective for diagnosing crashes and freezes.