

# Re: Can't install Vista

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"Earle Horton" <[earleh\\_nospam\\_@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:earleh_nospam_@xxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:eY5Mr791IHA.5564@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:eY5Mr791IHA.5564@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

So you deleted the old x64 partition, installed an x86 partition, and then reformatted that in x86 Setup?

Not that I am aware of, this is an x64 bit machine, not an x32.

Now run the x86 Install disk, system repair

option, and see if there is any hope presented there. What you may have left of the x64 install, is an x64 "Master Boot Record", computerese for x64 claiming this disk as belonging to x64.

It does not ask me, as it should, if want to install the x64 or X32/86 version. That tells me that it may not be properly reading the drive. or.....when I reformat the drive, why am I not given a choice of which format to use?

You may have to put x86 system

repair into command prompt mode, type "help" or "?" and see what commands are available. If there is a "fixmbr" listed run it.

I tried that, and there is nothing of that sort offered.

Good luck,

Thanks, I gonna need it. Right now my machine is dead in the water.. :-(

Jan :)

Earle

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"Jan :)" <abuse@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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That is beyond doable, if you read my post, as the drives have both been deleted and reformatted. so I don't think there is any chance of a repair. Trying a repair is what got me into the mess in the first place, as when I tried to do a repair, it said it could not repair the problem, and then when I tried to boot back into Vista, I got an error in the command window that said it could not find the OS. Imagine that. :-)

Jan :)

"Earle Horton" <earleh\_nospam\_@xxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Run Setup repair mode, start up a command prompt, and see if there is an option to "fixmbr" or something like that. This command prompt doesn't have as many commands as XP Recovery Console, but there are a few useful ones. Then you may have to repartition the drive, even though you have reformatted it. As they say, there may be a low level Vista x64 driver or boot block left on the system. It is also possible that the x64 partition which you formatted is the wrong "type" to install x86. I am thinking that you need to delete a partition, create a new one, and then format it in x86 Setup. You may also have to mark the desired boot partition as active. There is a program "bootsect" in the "boot" directory of the install DVD, which installs the Vista Boot Manager, also something called "bcdedit" which you may have to get involved with. These are documented more fully in TechNet <http://technet.microsoft.com>.

Good luck,

Earle

"Spirit" <noone@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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I am still thinking a low level driver left on system.

"Jan :)" <abuse@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Hi Spirit, yes, I have tried both drives, they are separate drives not partitions. I have seen this happen before with another user, and they had a very long and difficult time trying to reinstall. I don't see why it is so difficult to reinstall Vista on a drive that it

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has been installed on before  
if the drive has a) been deleted and b)  
reformatted. There is not reason I  
can think of that should prevent the  
installation for seeing my drives as  
having the sufficient criteria for installation.  
That is what is the  
problem, and I have never seen this before,  
and I have done a lot of  
reinstalls during the Vista beta. And yes, I  
have done a test on the drives  
and they test fine.

Jan :)

"Spirit" <noone@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in  
message  
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Since you mentioned "Drives" have you  
tried only with the 2nd one now  
as the primary? In fact leave the primary  
now out of the machine until  
OS is installed..... I am thinking the 64 bit  
might leave a low level driver  
on machine.

Might need to contact Driver Maker and/or  
Microsoft.

"Jan :)" <no abuse@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote in message  
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I had Vista Ultimate x64  
installed on my machines,  
and wanted to install  
the  
x86. But, when I tried to  
install the x86 after deleting  
the x64 version,  
I  
now get an error that says  
that "Windows is unable to  
find a system volume  
that meets its criteria for  
installation." I have  
reformatted the drive  
and  
all else that I can think of,  
but, it it continues to throw  
the error

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message. What should I do?  
I am sure that my system  
and hardware is  
sufficient to handle the  
Vista install, and I am trying  
to install to the  
same drive that I had the  
other installed to:

Processor  
2.00 gigahertz AMD 64  
Opteron's (2 installed)  
Main Circuit Board  
Tyan Tiger K8WE  
Memory Modules  
2 GB RAM

I don't understand what the  
problem is and I hope  
someone here can help.

Jan :)