

# Re: Format C: to replace Vista w/ XP

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Whether you intend to replace the Vista installation on your system or setup a dual boot configuration, there are some major issues you should be made aware of. The deal breaker in either case is if you can obtain Windows XP drivers for a system designed for Vista. See issue item 1 below.

Here's my standard pitch that I post to those wanting to dual boot:

There are some major issues to overcome in order to dual boot with Vista and WinXP (with OEM Vista preinstalled).

They are:

- 1) Obtaining WinXP System drivers for your system.
- 2) Finding a Dual boot setup procedure.
- 3) Loss of System Restore points in Vista when WinXP is installed.

For item 1, you'll need to do some research to see if this system is a good candidate for WinXP. Whether trying a dual boot configuration or a clean install of WinXP, you'll need to have all drivers, which may include SATA drivers, if required. In many cases of newer systems, the hardware devices were developed for Vista only and there are no WinXP device drivers available. During the early transition period, some systems were sold with WinXP installed and the mfg offered an upgrade to Vista when it was released. This type will/should have WinXP drivers available.

For item 2, see the procedure in the following link.

How to dual boot Vista and XP (with Vista installed first)

[http://apcmag.com/5485/dualbooting\\_vista\\_and\\_xp](http://apcmag.com/5485/dualbooting_vista_and_xp)

Note, you will need a Vista installation DVD or a recovery CD in order to repair the Vista bootloader and then complete the dual boot section with the EasyBCD utility.

For item 3, see this article for detailed info including some workarounds:

No restore points are available when you use Windows Vista or Windows Server 2008 in a dual-boot configuration together with an earlier Windows operating system

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<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/926185>

Good luck!

"bob mathewson" <bob.mathewson.3epwbc@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Thanks to all for the suggestions and quick responses. I should have realized the need to boot from CD. One (and only one!) of the problems at my age is the human memory blockages!

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