

Re: Uninstall Windows Vista and Install Windows XP

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Thanks so much for your reply Andy,

Here is where I stand at this moment.

I have Win Vista Premium installed on drive C, with no other partitions on said drive, and there are no other HDD's or OS's installed. I have one DVD (D:) and one CD (E:) optical drives installed, plus a floppy in Drive (A:). I just want to downgrade back to XP. I'm pretty good at PC's but, I have read so many different scenarios on how to fix the boot.ini, NTLDR and so forth that it's very confusing. I'm to the point where, it would just be easier to get a new HDD. I have been running Vista since it was first released. Nice eye candy but it is nowhere near as fast as XP. (I surpass all minimum requirements for Vista by far!)

I'm just looking for a simple easy way to re-install XP again without all the hassle. And to fix the boot loader. The best and easier way to me is to do a reformat/Fdisk but even this leaves the boot info behind. I have a couple of programs that I want to try to do a total erase. They are "Kill Disk", "Super Fdisk" and "Dban".

I hope that I can help you with an annoyance or problem.

Sincerely,

Doug

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Re: Uninstall Windows Vista and Install Windows XP

"andy" wrote:

On Mon, 26 May 2008 00:33:01 -0700, Doug
<Doug@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I have searched hi and low for an easy way to revert back to XP from a Vista Premium OEM install.
Of course the error message comes up after reboot "Unable To Load OS".
I have tried even to dual boot with no success.

I have used the following programs to revert back to XP:

- Vista Boot Pro
- EasyBCD
- Paragon Partition Manager Professional
- Acronis Disk Director Suite

Paragon worked but I was unable to dual boot and it left Vista intact on the partition.
I deleted the Vista partition after a good XP install and when I rebooted I was faced with
the "Unable To Load OS" error message.

You should describe in some detail how your hardware, in particular how many disks are connected and what are on the partitions on said disks, is configured. You should state where on the disk Vista is installed, and where you want XP to be installed.

A good XP install implies that you are able to boot to Windows XP. Deleting the Vista partition and being unable to boot to XP suggests that the Vista partition is the Windows XP system partition.

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Does anyone have an EASY solution for this problem? As in a complete hard drive erase to clear the boot files?

Boot computer with XP CD, select partition that Vista is currently on, format the partition, and complete the installation.

Any help or links would be so greatly appreciated :-)