

Re: Multiple Vista boot options

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- *From:* "John Barnes" <JBarnes@xxxxxxxx>
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Yes. There would be a boot sector on both the XP and Vista drives.

"Ed Sowell" <jag_man_REMOVE_653@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:83AA4439-1C2C-4542-B1E5-1E6370A392F1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks, John.

Yes, I'm really feeling foolish for not having put XP on first. Since I built the the machine from the ground up it would have been easier. It was afterwards that I decided I wanted to get rid of my old box rather than using it for XP work.

So with you plan there would be a boot sector on both drives?

Ed

"John Barnes" <JBarnes@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:O4R\\$f3rOJHA.1576@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:O4R$f3rOJHA.1576@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

It is always messy when you install the older system second. If you have a BIOS that lets you select which drive to boot from at POST time, you may find it easiest to disconnect the Vista drive, install XP and then reconnect Vista. You can then select the drive to boot from by hitting the key designated on the bottom of your POST screen.

"Ed Sowell" <jag_man_REMOVE_653@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:A11A9797-0258-4B61-A46B-5076A217C36C@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

John,

Ran into a problem. My goal was to install XP Pro on Drive 1 rather than Drive 0. Since Drive 1 was already formatted as D: with some data on it I used the Vista Disk manager to shrink D: by 40Gb and create a new simple partition, unformatted. I then booted from the Xp Pro installation CD and installed XP into that partition, allowing the installer to format it. When it got to the point where it needed to reboot, I removed the CD. However, it would not boot from the HD.

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Apparently, it could not find the XP MBR.

The only thing I can think of that I may have done wrong was to remove the XP installation CD when it wanted to reboot after copying all the files etc. However, if I leave it in I assume it would want to go through the installation process again from the beginning.

To recover I booted from the Vista Ultimate installation DVD and did a Startup repair. There was no damage to anything. However, when I run VistaBootPro it shows only Vista... no XP.

Any ideas on where to go from here?

Ed

"John Barnett MVP" <freelance@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:%2368h%23DfOJHA.3580@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Yes, Ed. Just make sure you point the installation to your second hard drive. As I rarely use XP nowadays I have actually installed mine using virtual machine software (I use VMware Workstation which is quite expensive, but Microsoft Virtual PC 2007 is free) This actually allows me to run both operating systems at the same time. Obviously you need 2GB or more of memory to run both. Again, for more information, see this link from my website:

http://vistasupport.mvps.org/creating_a_virtual_machine_with_vmware.htm

The link refers to VMware Workstation but most VM's are basically the same. I use VMware because it supports USB; Microsoft Virtual PC 2007 doesn't, although there are a couple of free VMs that do support USB.

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"Ed Sowell"

<jag_man_REMOVE_653@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

news:72C842BA-CBE0-42C4-AFE4-A2A93F935276@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Great! That's really neat.
Since I have a second HD
D: with more free space can
I install Xp on it instead of
on C:?

Ed

"John Barnett MVP"

<freelance@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

news:u1CVoIeOJHA.4256@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Ed there is
an option to
add the
Vista
bootloader
in
VistaBootPro.

If you want
to install
XP then this
link from
my website
will help:

http://vistasupport.mvps.org/install_windows_xp_on_machine_running_vista

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"Ed Sowell"

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wrote in
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Thanks,
John.
That
worked.

Can
VistaBootPro
also
be
used
to
fix
the
problem
that
arises
when
XP
Pro
is
added
as
a
second
boot
option
on
a
machine
that
already
has
Vista
Ultimate
installed?
I've

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been
thinking
about
doing
that,
and
have
read
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/919529>,
but
it
seems
like
an
unnecessarily
awkward
procedure.

Ed

"John
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wrote
in
message
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You
can
do
but
BCDedit
isn't
very
user
friendly.
Instead
download
VistaBootPro
(free)
and
install
it
to
your
machine.
Run
VistaBootPro

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and
click
on
the
Manage
OS
tab.
You
can
then
remove
the
second
versions
entry
from
there.
VistaBootPro
certainly
beats
having
to
use
command
lines
to
edit
BCDedit.

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wrote
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message

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As
I
was
stumbling
around
installing
Vista
Ultimate
32
I
made
some
mistakes
causing
me
to
start
over.
The
second
installation
went
fine
and
the
machine
is
runnin
great.
The
only

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problem,
really
just
an
irritation,
is
when
it
boots
up
there
is
a
multi-boot
screen
offering
me
two
Vistas
to
choose
from.
Fortunately,
the
first
one
seems
to
be
the
good
one
so
it
will
go
ahead
and
boot
without
intervention.
However,
I'd
like
to
get
rid
of
the
second
boot

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option,
and
also
delete
the
windows.old.000
directory.

From
some
investigation
I've
done
on
multiboot
I
know
that
Vista
has
a
new
boot
sequence
and
there
is
an
editor
called
BCDEdit
that
can
be
used.
Can
I
use
this
tool
to
get
rid
of
the
2nd
Vista?

TIA

Ed

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