

Re: Operating System Transfer

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On Thu, 5 Feb 2009 15:02:44 -1000, "Randy" <ran1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

When I first purchased my computer it had only a 80 gb hard drive. Since then I have installed a 300 gb secondary hard drive for more space. My question is, my space is running out on my 80gb "C" drive. Can I transfer my Operating System files to the secondary drive and then use it as my boot drive, and what would I need to do to accomplish this. Thank you so much for any help. I am running Vista Home Premium SP1.

You will need to clone your system disk to the larger disk – or to the primary partition on that disk – and then set your BIOS so that disk will be first in the boot order. I would also suggest that you then disconnect the original disk before booting to the new disk (observe proper jumper settings when doing that). Once you've successfully booted to the new disk you can reconnect the old one, and do what you wish with it.

If you decide to clone disk-to-disk, be sure and remove/save whatever you now have on that larger disk before you do that because everything on that disk will be destroyed during the cloning process.

Here is a link to a free cloning tool that will clone disk-to-disk. Remember, it's FREE... paid for versions have more options and work faster.

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