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On or about 2/11/2005 4:51 PM, R. C. White with due consideration, replied :

> *Hi, Michael.*

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>> *You've been more than kind and patient -- thanks!*

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> *You're welcome. I'm glad I could help. That's why I hang out here.*

> *I've reread my last post and spotted a few typos, but they apparently*

> *didn't keep you from understanding what I meant, so I won't bother to*

> *point them out and correct them now.*

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>> *So, the ball is in your court.*

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> *Not really. I'm a volunteer here and can cut out anytime I want to.*

> *But this thread is getting very long and I'm not really saying anything*

> *that wasn't said much earlier. I'm just saying it again and again -- and*

> *the saying is getting longer each time. So I'm about ready to quit.*

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>> *Is XP sensitive to changes made in 2k in a multiboot environment?*

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> *No.*

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> *The only exception to that is the "system files" in C:\. If you look,*

> *you'll see that NTLDR and NTDETECT.COM have the same names in Win2K and*

> *WinXP (and WinNT4 and Win2K3 and Longhorn), but they have different file*

> *sizes and dates. The original WinXP NTLDR, dated 8/23/01, was 222,368*

> *bytes; the latest post-SP2 version, dated 9/24/04, is 250,032 bytes. If*

> *you do manage to reinstall Win2K, it will install its NTLDR, probably*

> *the one dated 12/7/99, 214,416 bytes. That version knows nothing about*

> *WinXP, which did not exist in 1999, and can't boot WinXP, so I guess you*

> *could say that WinXP is "sensitive" to this change. If no other changes*

> *were made, you could correct this by booting into the Recovery Console*

> *and running FixBoot. Or you could simply boot into MS-DOS (since your C:*

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- > *is formatted FAT) and copy the current versions of NTLDR and*
- > *NTDETECT.COM from wherever you can find them (a WinXP CD-ROM, for*
- > *example). Then, if C:\boot.ini is current for your computer, you should*
- > *be back in business.*

Fine! If there are only two files and a boot.ini entry that are affected? No sweat.

Seems like I either missed tht in all my research or – it wasn't out there.

Yes, the fixboot did the job the second time – I didn't have a clue it was only replacng/udating the two files.

Seems like if that is such an easy solution to a problem that prevents an OS to boot? Well, seems like you have a nice secret!

- >> *OK, I bought a new machine. It had XP installed. I wanted a FAT/DOS*
- >> *partition – I'm goofy and use a lot of DOS utilities and floppys are*
- >> *garbage – plus it had XP in a single partition and I needed to move*
- >> *multiple partitions over from the old box..*
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- > *This is a genuine "can of worms"! Not that you can't have a FAT*
- > *partition, obviously; you and I both have FAT partitions. But creating*
- > *one AFTER Win2K/XP is installed is too much hassle to get into in this*
- > *thread! It's possible, but let's not talk about it now. :>{*

The DOS partition and all the files were created/copied first. I know that is a 'can't go back later' decision.

I've had no problem since!

- >> *The plan (against all advice) to migrate the W2k from an old machine*
- >> *to the new one (via a network).*
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- > *I know nothing of networks, so I won't comment at all about this.*
- >
- > *Good luck. Let us know how you finally work this out.*

Well, I'll go for the install of XP and trust the fix with the few boot files is a 'standby' solution if I ever do something drastich to W2k that requires a repair.

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- > *RC*

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