

## Re: Uninstall of W2k? Not simple for me!

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> *From what I can tell you want to remove an install of Windows 2000 and preserve the files on it. Nope not gonna*

happen. You can copy the files you want from that installation somewhere else then byte the bullet and reformat and

install. The fact that you have a dual-boot system is irrelevant other than you can use that system to get the files off the

other system you are going to waste.

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"Slip Kid" <G-2@worldnet.att.net> wrote in message news:ifyOd.182273\$w62.176245@bgtnsc05-news.ops

> This should be easy? Well, there are numerous solutions to my general  
> question - either they don't completely address it or they don't agree.

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> I haven't found any of several articles that agree with the best 'plan'.

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> Yes, Andre has most points covered? If he addressed my 'problem', I  
> missed it.

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> I have two installs of W2k. Different partitions with the boot files  
> in a small Fat primary partition.

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> One install is completely corrupt - It crashed after an  
> upgrade/migration to a new drive -that went ok - My problem was when I  
> had to re-install SP4 and it blinked out - never to return to it's  
> normal state.. I've tried everything and the profiles as well as the  
> configuration are whacked. No matter what fixes I've tried it reverts  
> back to it's corrupt state. Anyway, it's the original install and is  
> full of junk. It has to go.

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> So? I find articles on:

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> How to uninstall a W2k stand alone - simple? Wipe it all out from the  
> boot CD - Or if there is nothing of import on the partition? Reformat.

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> Or

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> If it's a dual boot with a non boot (NT based) loader scenario -  
> pretty much the same thing -except I'd still lose my boot files (on a  
> primary partition that serves both install of W2k.) Yeah, I can  
> 'repair' the other W2k? I've had mostly luck with repair - I'd rather

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> avoid doing anything more than removing the reference to the other  
> install from the boot.ini.  
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> So, I have yet to see how to:  
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> 1. Remove W2k when it shares a partition with other apps I can't give  
> up in a reformat.  
> 2. Remove W2k and 'not' destroy the references to the other install of  
> the other W2k in the boot partition.  
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> I know I can wipe out the various folders associated with the W2k  
> install? And remove its reference from boot.ini? Yeah, that will free  
> up a load of space.  
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> Something tells me that enough stuff is going to be left in the  
> registry that I may have problems if I install another OS in that  
> partition. (My plan)  
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> So, if I simply do the file delete? Knowing much of the install will  
> not 'go' with the folder? I could use a registry cleaner and hope I get  
> all of the W2k references out and don't remove the application  
> references that are used by the other install.  
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> Am I missing something?  
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> Is there a solution to remove a W2k install where there is another W2k  
> in the system (different partition) along with preserving the other  
> files in the same partition as the W2k that has to go (no, I don't want  
> to reformat the partition).  
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> No, I'm not worried about the 'Program Files -Documents and Settings.  
> They'll go and I've kept my installs to a minimum (directly to Program  
> Files). I am concerned about the shared/common folders? But that's a  
> risk I'll have to take. They'll go and I'll see how much I lose in the  
> functionality of the apps.  
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> Is deleting the W3k files, cleaning the registry and removing the  
> boot.ini reference my only solution given what I have to work with?  
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> BTW? Is there a simpler way to combine a repair of W2k that combines  
> SP4 in one single move? Silly question. I was doing fine until I had  
> to 'update' the migrated install to be SP4 compliant...  
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> Trust me? I don't believe it is worth saving this install - it is  
> going to leave.  
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> Michael  
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> "Fear not those who argue but those who dodge."  
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> (Marie Ebner von Eschenbach, Aphorisms, 1905)