

## Re: Invalid boot.ini file

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Thank you very much for your prompt reply!

I have several partitions. Yes, C is the system partition. As I wrote earlier, I was configured to view hidden and system files, but boot.ini did not and does not appear (that's why I had thought I might be looking in the wrong place).

The rest of your reply is exactly what you wrote before, thus all my queries regarding that paragraph still stand....I wish I could send you a screen capture of the Windows 2000 Professional contents---everything I click on relating to "set-up" gets me to an installation or an upgrade---I don't know where a Repair option is on the disk.....

Janet

"Dave Patrick" wrote:

- > If your operating system is installed on a drive with only one partition
- > then most likely the drive letter is C: if this is the case this drive is
- > the system partition (first primary active partition). You can verify this
- > by going to Disk Management
- >
- > Start|Run|diskmgmt.msc
- >
- > Here you can check which drive letter is listed as 'System'
- >
- > Then if you already have;
- > Explorer|Tools|Folder Options|View, then radio button for "Show hidden files
- > and folders", then uncheck the box for "Hide protected operating system
- > files" to locate the files in the system partition. Now take a look in the
- > root [ C:\ ] of that drive. If you find it you can open it with notepad.exe,
- > copy the text from it and paste in a reply message. If you don't find
- > boot.ini then it may just be missing for some reason.
- >
- > If you can repair the boot sector from the recovery console.
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- > To start the Recovery Console, start the computer from the Windows 2000
- > Setup CD or the Windows 2000 Setup floppy disks. If you do not have Setup
- > floppy disks and your computer cannot start from the Windows 2000 Setup CD,

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> use another Windows 2000–based computer to create the Setup floppy disks.  
> Press ENTER at the "Setup Notification" screen. Press R to repair a Windows  
> 2000 installation, and then press C to use the Recovery Console. The  
> Recovery Console then prompts you for the administrator password. If you do  
> not have the correct password, Recovery Console does not allow access to the  
> computer. If an incorrect password is entered three times, the Recovery  
> Console quits and restarts the computer. Note If the registry is corrupted  
> or missing or no valid installations are found, the Recovery Console starts  
> in the root of the startup volume without requiring a password. You cannot  
> access any folders, but you can carry out commands such as chkdsk, fixboot,  
> and fixmbr for limited disk repairs. Once the password has been validated,  
> you have full access to the Recovery Console, but limited access to the hard  
> disk. You can only access the following folders on your computer: drive  
> root, %systemroot% or %windir%  
>  
> From the recovery console command line issue the command;  
>  
> fixboot  
>  
> Then restart the computer.  
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> Regards,  
>  
> Dave  
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> Dave Patrick ....Please no email replies – reply in newsgroup.  
> Microsoft Certified Professional  
> Microsoft MVP [Windows]  
> <http://www.microsoft.com/protect>  
>  
> "Janetb" wrote:  
> | Dear Dave,  
> |  
> | Thanks for your help. I had gotten discouraged because there are so many  
> | things in your posts that I didn't understand, so I gave up....I'm  
> | returning  
> | now to try again....  
> |  
> | Had already checked Show hidden files and folders.  
> | Had already unchecked Hide protected operating files.Don't know what a  
> | system partition is, let alone what its root is....nor what a primary  
> | active  
> | partition is....(This is all Greek to me...) If I can find the file, I  
> | can  
> | write in what is needed to match what you have written in your first  
> | post..... Just need to get to it.....If I run a search for boot.ini,  
> | nothing  
> | comes up....  
> |  
> | As regards your second post, I was unfamiliar with about 50% of the

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> | terms...:-)....  
> | Don't know what a command prompt is.  
> | Don't know how to issue a command.  
> | I have 2 Windows 2000 CD's: one says "Windows 2000 Professional---Step by  
> | step Interactive" and the other just says "Windows 2000 Professional". Can  
> | I  
> | start from one of these? How?  
> | If not, how would one "use another Windows 2000-based computer to create  
> | the  
> | Setup floppy disks"?  
> | I never put in a Administrators password---I'm the only one who uses the  
> | computer and it came with the OS already installed.  
> | I'm not sure i'll be clear on what to do at this point (if I ever get that  
> | far).....  
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> | Many thanks,  
> | Janet  
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• *Follow-Ups:*

- ◆ **[Re: Invalid boot.ini file](#)**  
    ◇ *From:* Dave Patrick

• *References:*

- ◆ **[Re: Invalid boot.ini file](#)**  
    ◇ *From:* Janetb
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