

# Re: Win2000 Continuously Reboots

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If the security hive is corrupt, it may be possible to rename the security hive found in

```
%windir%\system32\config\security  
to security.old
```

then try copying the most recent backup found in

```
%windir%\repair\regback  
to
```

```
%windir%\system32\config\  
If that fails you haven't much choice but to copy/ use the
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original-as-installed security hive from

```
%windir%\repair\security  
to
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```
%windir%\system32\config\security
```

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, use another Windows 2000-based computer to create the Setup floppy disks. At the "Welcome to Setup" screen. Press F10 or 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%

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Regards,

Dave Patrick ....Please no email replies – reply in newsgroup.  
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Microsoft MVP [Windows]

<http://www.microsoft.com/protect>

"Don" wrote:

>I am working on a Win2000 box for a some friends of mine. Basically, the  
> machine partially boots, then reboots – in an infinite loop. It gets to  
> the  
> white start–up screen with the blue progress bar, then reboots. And  
> reboots. And reboots.  
>  
> Once I caught a message that said something like "security hive corrupt",  
> but can't be sure since it was so fast. I've pulled the drive an put it  
> in  
> another machine as a slave drive. Mounts okay and all files seem visible.  
> Ran a virus scan on it and nothing (some adware stuff). Put the disk in  
> another machine and got the same continuous reboot result.  
>  
> Tried using the 4 disk set of floppies for repair. Going through the  
> Console option, I can get to c:\winnt. If I pick the manual repair option  
> and pick Locate, it says it can not find an installation to repair. (Of  
> course there are no rescue disks!) Unfortunately, my setup disks crapped  
> out before I got a chance to try the auto repair option.  
>  
> Any suggestions on where to go from here? Do I just install Win2000 over  
> again? Or maybe Win XP Pro? Given that it is sort of a re–install, what  
> are the chances that the data and programs will come through (relatively)  
> unscathed?  
>  
> Thanks!  
>  
> Don  
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