

Re: Reinstall Win2K Pro

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When the Windows 2000 Professional Setup screen appears, all the existing partitions and the unpartitioned spaces are listed for each physical hard disk. At this point choose to **FORMAT ONLY** the system partition.

Dave, I was shown a list of partitioned & unpartitioned spaces but I wasn't given the option to format. Rather I was told that there are files & folders existing in C: & whether I would like to delete them or not. I told the setup to delete them & a status message simultaneously was showing the files & folders in C: being deleted but after re-installing Win2K, I was surprised to find that all the files & folders in C: intact!

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When should I press F6? Last time what I did was while I was booted in Win2K, I inserted the Win2K CD-ROM & then selected a clean install. After copying system files, the machine booted automatically. After this, the main installation started (which shows the blue screen with the words "Windows 2000 Setup installation" at the very top which is underlined). Should I press F6 at this point?

Dave Patrick wrote:

Copy the three files ntldr, nt detect.com, boot.ini off to a safe place then to clean install.

To do a clean install, either boot the Windows 2000 install CD-Rom or setup disks. The set of four install disks can be created from your Windows 2000 CD-Rom; change to the \bootdisk directory on the CD-Rom and execute

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makeboot.exe (from dos) or makebt32.exe (from 32 bit) and follow the prompts.

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Setup inspects your computer's hardware configuration and then begins to install the Setup and driver files. When the Windows 2000 Professional screen appears, press ENTER to set up Windows 2000 Professional.

Read the license agreement, and then press the F8 key to accept the terms of the license agreement and continue the installation.

When the Windows 2000 Professional Setup screen appears, all the existing partitions and the unpartitioned spaces are listed for each physical hard disk. At this point choose to FORMAT ONLY the system partition. Then continue the install. If you delete/ recreate then the system partition will be D:\ (assuming D:\ is a primary partition)

Be sure to apply SP4 and these two below to your new install before connecting to any network. Internet included. (sassar, msblast)

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/E/6/A/E6A04295-D2A8-40D0-A0C5-241BFECDD095E/W2KSP4>

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/MS03-043.msp>

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/MS03-049.msp>

Then

Rollup 1 for Microsoft Windows 2000 Service Pack 4

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?amp;displaylang=en&familyid=B54730CF-8850-4531-B>

After the install then copy the three files back to the root of the system partition.

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Regards,

Dave PatrickPlease no email replies – reply in newsgroup.

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<rn5a@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I already have Win2K Pro installed in the C:\ drive & WinXP Pro installed in the D:\ drive. Both C: & D: are partitions of the same hard disk.

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I wanted a clean re-install of Win2K Pro & hence re-installed it but after re-installing Win2K, the folders that existed prior to re-installing still exist (though none of the programs work). Moreover when I open Control Panel, open 'Display' & go to the 'Settings' tab, I find only one 'Color Quality' in the drop-down menu which is 16 colors. If my memory serves me right, while installing Win2K, the setup asks for the motherboard CD-ROM but the setup didn't prompt me to insert the motherboard CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive this time. Is this OK?

To do a clean re-install, I was thinking of formatting the C:\ drive completely & then re-installing Win2K again but will this approach be safe? The reason I am asking this is because both NTDETECT.COM & NTLDR exist in the C:\ drive & WinXP uses these 2 files to boot. So will it be safe if I format C:\ completely & then re-install Win2K Pro?

I don't want WinXP Pro to get affected in anyway. Please suggest.