

Re: NTLDR is missing on bootup

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W2K/SP4

My install has been rock-solid for about a year. I practically never install anything, mainly use small executables, no problems.

I have net browsing patterns I used for years in W98SE and now W2K, no funnies there, I browse with images/javascript disabled normally. I only use Firefox, Xnews, DUN.

Cold boot each AM. Clean trash each shutdown, same every day.

Yesterday was a typical day, usual sites, saved usual text, edited usual text. Absolutely nothing unusual or abnormal.

This morning, on bootup, black screen before BIOS display: NTLDR is missing. Can't boot up,

1. Why, out of nowhere, does this happen?
2. How to fix it?

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TIA

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Thanks to all, it's fixed, posting with it now.

I did a Google search for "NTLDR is missing", led to lots of interesting stuff, but mainly downloading a repair file that created a repair floppy with ntldr, nt detect.com and boot.ini on it.

With the repair disk, it booted up fine.

I was going to copy those three files into my C root, but noticed there

was

no NTLDR file there! Truly it was missing.

So I just copied that single file into C, that fixed it. Afterword, I copied my actual nt detect.com and boot.ini files to the repair disk and tested it, it works that way too.

Famous last words, create a real W2K boot disk, back up data, etc.

One question– with my benign computing habits, what could likely have deleted the NTLDR file from C to cause the problem?

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Why did you have to download ntldr? Don't you have a Win2000 installation CD? If you don't, how will you repair more serious faults if and when they occur?

I can think of two causes why c:\ntldr disappeared:

- a) You did it yourself by accident. This is not easy because the file is normally hidden and protected.
- b) You became the victim of some malware you downloaded from the Internet.

About your backup situation: You should treat this event as a wake-up call. Get yourself a 2.5" hard disk in an external USB case, then back up your important files ***every*** week!

Is there a URL for the MS page on how to create a Emergency Boot Disk?

Thanks for the help

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