

Re: Installing Windows 2000 Drive Letters

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Apparently this article should be re-written in more plain and layman language.

It was quite surprised reading it at a glance – it's seemed too good to be true and contradicted all the experience – until I found the warning (sorry, I follow all the Murphy's laws :) which clearly states "Do not use the procedure that is described in this article to change a drive on a computer where the drive letter has not changed. If you do so, you may not be able to start your operating system. Follow the procedure that is described in this article only to recover from a drive letter change, not to change an existing computer drive to something else." This warning must be printed in bold and largest point!

I change the C: letter on XP box as described and after restart and logon attempt the nice warning popped up: "A problem is preventing Windows from accurately checking the license for this computer. ERROR 0x80090006." All-hackers mentor Jerold Schulman explains: "This problem is the result of the hardware ID on the restored installation being different from the hardware hash calculated for the current hardware. To resolve this problem, perform an in-place upgrade of Windows XP and reactivate the Windows XP license." Thank you very much, I was thinking, but I don't want no silly in-place upgrades and quickly returned the letter C: (maybe I deleted the value completely). As expected, the system's been shaken but didn't raise a brow and came to life.

Next victim was W2k installation just for redundancy. It wasn't interesting already: after the first reboot I got infamous warning "No paging file" so it involved registry editing at HKLM\SYSTEM\CCS\Control\Session Manager\Memory Management, REG_MULTI_SIZE "PagingFiles", and after that logon got in the dead loop without any warning as predicted. I gave up.