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On Tue, 14 Feb 2006 09:49:23 -0700, Jim in Arizona
<tiltwait@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Your system should be able to boot from CD-ROM. Your Windows2000 CD should be a bootable CD. If you put the CD into your CD-ROM drive and find that you are not being asked to press a key to boot from CD, you need to go into your system BIOS and make sure that it is set to boot from CD before the hard drive (or any other device). It is usually in advanced settings within your BIOS setup screen.

Sorry for delay in responding, I was out of the country for a few days <g>.

I'll have to look into this as I was not asked for that option, or I didn't recognize it when I saw it, whatever the case may be. I'll pay more attention when next I have to do a wipe/reinstall.

Thanks. :oD

StargateFan wrote:

Whoops re "apply these to your new install before connecting to any network" ... does that mean the internet, too? I'm going to dl those files now, thanks.

p.s., my initial question _still_ stands: how do we install WIN2K _without_ a floppy drive?? New computers come without these. My old dinosaur is fine here at home as it's old enough to have one. I naturally figured out how to make the boot disks when I installed initially but what prompted the concern is how new computers just don't have these anymore.

Curious situation as the new computer at work and my uncle's laptop, for example, come without ability to read floppies. How do they do it

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at the office when that's the case – or is it because they can install via the network?? If that's the case, that's no good for us home users without floppies. Pls advise. I'm upgrading my computer hopefully soon and I hate XP. I have had to work with it on various computers and fix it for friends and 2 family members. I don't care for it at all. And I have this perfectly good Win2K. Yet I imagine that it's not going to be any different from my Win98SE that I've had all these years – it'll be required that I wipe/reinstall periodically.

Thanks. :oD

On Sun, 5 Feb 2006 11:44:17 -0700, "Dave Patrick"
<DSPatrick@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Always best to boot the CD-Rom. 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 makeboot.exe (from dos) or makebt32.exe (from 32 bit) and follow the prompts.

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. Use the ARROW keys to select the partitions Press D to delete an existing partition, If you press D to delete an existing partition, you must then press L (or press ENTER, and then press L if it is the System partition) to confirm that you want to delete the partition. Repeat this step for each of the existing partitions When all the partitions are deleted

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press F3 to exit setup, (to avoid unexpected drive letter assignments with your new install) then restart the pc then when you get to this point in setup again select the unpartitioned space, and then press C to create a new partition and specify the size (if required). Windows will by default use all available space.

Be sure to apply these to your new install before connecting to any network.

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