

## Re: what is winnt /r?

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Robert -

1. I suspect (but really don't know) that the winnt /r parameter is similar in effect and use to the winnt32 /copydir parameter, which is somewhat more fully explained. See start/help/reference/MS DOS commands. I've never used either parameter.

2. There are 4 "setup floppies", used usually when the machine cannot boot to CD. These don't "come with" the CD package; they can be generated from the CD by navigating to [CD:]\bootdisk directory and running makeboot a:

This can be done on any PC for subsequent use on any PC.

Disk #1 is bootable and takes you through all 4 in sequence. Presence of the CD is required. The resulting install is identical to one resulting from a direct boot-to-CD.

It's a good idea to have this set in a drawer somewhere.

The setup floppies set should not be confused with the so-called "boot floppy" for NT/W2k, which contains only (for IDE-based PCs) the files ntldr, ntdetect.com, and boot.ini.

This floppy will boot the machine to an otherwise working NT/W2k installation which for some reason has lost or corrupted one or more of those 3 files on the hard drive.

Robert Aitken wrote:

- > *Question 1: Typing winnt /? gives me the meaning of various command options for winnt (found under folder I386 in the installation disk).*
- > *It says /r is for creating an "optional folder". What is an "optional folder"?*
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- > *Question 2: Setup disks*
- > *I heard about setup floppies but I do not have any. The colleague who left the company did not pass that to me. Is it designed for installation, like those for WinNT4? But I know I can run the command "Winnt /t:x" (from dos prompt)*

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> *to install Windows 2000. When do we need the floppies?*

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> *Much thanks for helping.*

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