

## Re: Boot to dos prompt?

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>>"Steve Wilson" <*anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com*>

>wrote in message

>>*news:321601c49ba7\$50529690\$a501280a@phx.gbl...*

>>> *Hi- I am getting an error pertaining to ntoskrnl.exe  
>being*

>>> *missing. I need to alter the boot.ini file but I can't*

>>> *get past the error.*

>>> *Is it possible to boot the machine up and go directly  
to*

>>> *dos?*

>>> *Thanks.*

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>>*When you write "DOS Prompt", you probably mean the*

>>*Command Prompt. This is a child process under Windows -*

>>*it cannot run without Windows.*

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>>*If your system partition is FAT32 then you can boot your*

>>*machine with a DOS boot disk from [www.bootdisk.com](http://www.bootdisk.com)*

>>*and edit boot.ini.*

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>>*If your system partition is NTFS then you have to*

*install*

*>your*

>>*disk temporarily as a slave disk in some other Win2000/XP*

>>*machine to edit boot.ini.*

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>>*You could also reboot the machine with your Win2000 CD,*

>>*get into the Command Console, then replace boot.ini with*

*a*

>>*version that you supply on floppy disk.*

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>> *Thanks for the advice – I'll give it a try.*

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> *I was able to get the pc to boot up with the dos boot disk and I can move around in dos. However, I cannot seem to find the boot.ini file, nor can I run the 'edit' command. Also, I have copied the ntoskrnl.exe file into \windows\system32 but I still get the same error. I'm stumped as I can't seem to get past the error when loading Windows which would seem to indicate I can't even run the recovery console from the installation cd.*

Any help/suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.