

Re: Error booting up Windows XP Professional

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An easier way to resolve your issue would be once in recovery console at the c:\windows prompt is to type in the followint command without the quotes:

"copy c:\windows\repair\system c:\windows\system32\config"

When prompted to replace the file click yes. Exit recovery console and you should be able to boot into windows once again

>-----Original Message-----

>The message you are receiving is for the recovery console. Try a Repair

>Install as follows instead:

>NOTE, while a repair install should leave your data files intact, if

>something goes wrong during the repair install, you may be forced to start

>over and do a clean install of XP. If you don't have your data backed up,

>you would lose your data should that eventuality occur.

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>Assuming your system is set to boot from the CD-ROM drive and you have an

>actual XP CD as opposed to a recovery CD, boot with the XP

>CD in the drive and perform a repair install as outlined below. If the

>system isn't set to boot from the CD or you are not sure, you need to enter

>the system's BIOS. When you boot the system, the first screen usually has

>instructions that if you wish to enter set press a specific key, when you

>see that, do so. Then you will have to navigate to the boot sequence, if

>the CD-ROM drive is not first line, set it first in the boot sequence. Save

>your settings and exit with the XP CD in the drive. The

system will reboot.

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>*When the system boots, a few screens into the process you may see a message*

>*instructing you*

>*to hit any key in order to boot from the CD along with a countdown. When*

>*you see this be sure to*

>*hit a key on the keyboard, if you miss this instruction and the system fails*

>*to boot from the CD, it's too*

>*late, you'll need to reboot and try again.*

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>*Once you have pressed a key, setup should begin. You will see a reference*

>*asking if you need to load special drivers and another notice that if you*

>*wish to begin the ASR (Automatic Recovery Console) depress F2. Just let*

>*setup run past all of that. It will continue to load files and drivers.*

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>*Then it will bring you to a screen. Eventually, you will come to a screen*

>*with the option to (1) setup Windows or (2) Repair Windows Installation*

>*using the Recovery console. ***The selection you want at this screen is*

>*"Setup Windows,"*

>*NOT "Repair Windows Installation.*

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>*The first option, to setup Windows is the one you want and requires you to*

>*press enter. When asked, press F8 to accept the end user agreement. Setup*

>*will then search for previous versions of Windows. Upon finding your*

>*version, it will ask if you wish to Repair your current installation or*

>*install fresh. Press R, that will run a repair installation. From there*

>*on, follow the screens.*

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>*Note, in some cases, you won't receive the repair option, only an option to*

>*reinstall. We have discovered that sometimes this is caused by damaged*

>*boot.ini file that can be repaired as follows and also note, in the*

>*instructions, "K" refers to the CD drive in which you have placed the XP CD,*

>replace that drive letter with the appropriate letter on
your system, "K" is
>simply an example.
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>Reboot, this time taking the immediate R option (this is
the section I told
>you to skip above. In this case, you will need to get to
the Recovery
>Console to perform the function below), and if the CD
letter is say K: give
>these commands
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>COPY K:\i386\ntldr C:
>COPY K:\i386\ntdetect.com C:
> (two other files needed – just in case)
>ATTRIB -H -R -S C:\boot.ini
>DEL C:\boot.ini
>BootCfg /Rebuild
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>Once you've completed this function, reboot and see if
you can access XP as
>sometimes, the problem is the damaged boot.ini. If you
still cannot access
>XP, then reboot and re–run the repair install
instructions at the beginning
>of this message.
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>If you only have a recovery CD, your options are quite
limited. You can
>either purchase a retail version of XP which will allow
you to perform the
>above
>among other tools and options it has or you can run your
system recovery
>routine with the Recovery CD which will likely wipe your
drive, deleting all
>files but will restore your setup to factory fresh
condition.
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<anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
>news:047001c4907f\$daa99650\$a401280a@phx.gbl...
>Hi, i have this problem:
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>I have Windows XP Professional instaled in my PC, using
>the NTFS file system, and i havent any problem before but
>one day when i tried to boot up my computer, this message
>appear:
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>"The file WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CONFIG\SYSTEM was not found or
>is corrupt, use the original CD and run the installation
>program, and then pres "R" to begin the repair"
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>I do what that message said, but i cant fix my Windows XP.
>In the console mode, i can see the file "SYSTEM" in the
>right location (WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CONFIG\), so maybe its
>corrupt, in that case, what i have to do to get a new copy
>of that file from my Windows XP CD?
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>I already use the command CHKDSK /p /r and my hard disk is
>ok. When I tried to use the FIXMBR command, the command
>says that my hard drive might have a problem, but i have
>access to the drive, so the command recommends not to
>continue. This command erase all my hard drive?
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>ps. My PC is a Intel Pentium 4 (2.8 MHz) with 256 RAM and
>40GBytes of Hard disk capacity.
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>Thanks a lot for your time. Im writing from Lima – Perú
>(Latin América)
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