

Re: XP will not Boot up in any mode

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I loaded all 6 and got the repair prompt. First try with the commands given to repair did not work.

"Dick in Florida" wrote:

- > *I contacted compaq and they told me the following:*
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- > *1. Insert the Windows XP startup disk into the floppy disk drive, and*
- > *then restart the computer.*
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- > *NOTE: If you do not have the Windows XP Setup Floppy disk,*
- > *download and create it from the following site:*
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- > <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=310994>
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- > *2. Click to select any options that are required to start the computer*
- > *from the CD-ROM drive if you are prompted to do so.*
- > *3. When the "Welcome to Setup" screen appears, press R to start the*
- > *Recovery Console.*
- > *4. When you are prompted to do so, type the Administrator password.*
- > *If there is no administrator password, just press ENTER.*
- > *5. Proceed to Phase 2.*
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- > *I made the disks. When I boot up with disk 1 of 6, it first says it is*
- > *checking the*
- > *hardware configuration. When I press R at the windows set up screen (no*
- > *welcome screen) , all it does is ask for disk 2. Should it do something*
- > *else, or will something happen to enable me to use the R function after I*
- > *load all 6 disks?*
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- > *"Sharon F" wrote:*
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- >> *On Thu, 20 Jan 2005 18:17:02 -0800, Dick in Florida wrote:*
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- >>> *I now found that when I go to the D drive, which is supposed to be the*
- >>> *current system info for a restore, it represents the drive that was called G*
- >>> *on my system. This was an old drive from my prior computer that had windows*

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> > > 98 on it. Could the system think it's supposed to boot from this drive
> > > instead of C? I checked the bios, and it still recognized both physical
> > > drives.
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> > On all the Compaqs I've worked with, there was a compaq disk (floppy or CD)
> > that booted the system and then accessed the partition setup by them. That
> > partition did not contain current system info. It contained the files
> > needed to restore the system to factory state. As I mentioned before, many
> > HP/Compaq systems no longer use the boot disk. Instead there is a function
> > key to press that will access the compaq partition.
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> > The Compaq partition is usually hidden and accessible using the Compaq boot
> > tool. It's possible that the boot disk you're using cannot see that special
> > partition. This would give the impression that the drive letters are moving
> > around.
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> > ---
> > Sharon F
> > MS-MVP ~ Windows Shell/User
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