

Re: Widows xp home will not boot to windows any help available

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Well, the next step would be to disconnect any external devices except the keyboard and mouse and remove any internal cards except the graphics card.

If that fails, you are almost certainly looking at starting over with a clean install, formatting during XP setup and continuing with the installation. This will wipe the drive but it will give you a fresh start.

Alternatively, if you have a retail version of XP, you could try installing it to a separate partition, then trying to access your old files from there and transferring them to the new setup. If you do not already have a spare partition, this would require third party software such as Partition Magic or System Commander in order to create the new partition from space created from resizing current partitions, something that cannot be done with XP without destroying the data on the partitions.

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Windows Shell/User
Backup is a PC User's Best Friend
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"Creative Design and Computers"
<CreativeDesignandComputers@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:12679DB3-21AC-41C9-A0B4-3BE1137E1EAA@microsoft.com...
> It will not get past the "Setup is starting windows" screen. It just sits
> there without going any further ????. This is so strange. Is it possibly
> looking at the hard ware at this point.
> Dave
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> "Michael Solomon (MS-MVP)" wrote:
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>> Try a Repair Install as follows:
>> 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

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>> 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.
>>
>> 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:
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>> 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
>>
>> 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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>> > after acquiring the hacktool.rootkit virus, the system will not boot
>> > into
>> > windows even though the virus has been removed.  It gets to the black
>> > boot
>> > screen just prior to the curser and hangs without going any further.
>> > It
>> > will
>> > not boot to safe mode or any other option.  When I put it in another
>> > system
>> > as a slave it shows all the files and windows folder as being present.
>> > ???
>> > Does anyone have an option that will fix this problem.
>> > Dave
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