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I don't really know anything about nor have I tried Partition Magic's copy function. If I wanted a fully bootable copy on a hard drive on the same system, I'd either install it separately, quite time consuming and I'm sure you wish to avoid or I'd use Drive Image or any such app to image it to the first drive to the second drive.

I don't know if this works on a separate hard drive on XP, especially if it is removable or removed. I don't know at what point you run into issues over the activation elements in XP, possibly corrupting the hal.dll in which case you'd have to do a repair install each time you wanted to boot from the other hard drive. I'm not saying that's how it will happen, I have never tried what you are doing.

Have you tried this question on the Hardware board. Someone over there might have a better fix on this and better yet, are doing it and can guide you better.

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> Michael Solomon (MS-MVP Windows Shell/User) wrote:

>> If you did an exact copy, I would think the disk would automatically be
>> bootable at least from the OS's point of view. If you mean how to set it
>> bootable from a standpoint of connection, that's a hardware issue and
>> depends upon your setup.

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> No, Michael, there are mysteries that I don't understand that make it not
> so. Of course I did the 'copy' as Partition Magic does it, but
> after doing so, replacing the Master bodily with the 'copy' as a
> master does not let the presumably identical OS boot. It's at that point,
> on a single-drive, not partitioned, that I'd like to boot up.....

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>> When I offered the dual boot scenario, my thinking was you'd always boot
>> to the primary system, the backup would just sit there.

> Yes, that would be nice, but really I want the backup to be an off-line
> backup. If nothing else it simplifies matters.

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> It amounts to nothing

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>> more than you pausing to make a choice during bootup. If I'm not
>> mistaken, even some BIOSs have this feature as well.
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>> Yes, Michael, my BIOS works that way, and I do it now
> on a regular basis because I have a hard drive with WIN98
> on it, because I do computational work in the APL language,
> and XP does not support the old, old DOS-based APL (special fonts
> and things).
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> William B. Lurie