

## Re: FIXMBR redux

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Michael, it is my suspicion that the "restore MBR" feature of PowerQuest's Drive Image 7 is not compatible with the bootup procedure which I have, namely, on \*every\* bootup it gives the choice of going to XP in normal manner, or going to Recovery Console. I don't think I have any alternative to de-energizing the RC option on boot-up. Of course I'd like to do that on the clone without disturbing the Master Drive, but I wouldn't know how to get there. If you agree, and can tell me, I'd like to do that first, namely, get back to a pure system. Failing that, I'd say, tell me how to disable RC altogether on my Master Drive, figuring we can put it back again if and when we need it.

William B. Lurie wrote:

- > *I think this leads back to my discussions with, and*
- > *advice from, Michael Solomon a while back.....*
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- > *Since 'solving' the problems of creating a drive image*
- > *of my master hard drive with Drive Image 7, and creating*
- > *a clone of that drive with its PowerQuest Recovery*
- > *Environment software, I've been living in a fool's*
- > *paradise. I discovered this when I went to create the*
- > *monthly Drive Image yesterday, and create the clone on*
- > *a newly purchased hard drive.*
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- > *I've been living with my Master drive booting to a*
- > *choice between normal start-up and Recovery Console,*
- > *a minor annoyance because after a ten-second countdown*
- > *it goes to normal boot, automatically. No problem there.*
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- > *I believe that the main part of the problem is now that*
- > *the new exact clone does not have Master Boot Record*
- > *correct, because the 'Normal Boot' path leads to the*
- > *choices of Safe Mode or Normal etcetera, and no choice*

> gets to anything other than a repeat of that set of  
> choices. If I select Recovery Console, I get a short  
> DOS-type message saying that file 'xxxxx.dll' is missing,  
> and to reload it somehow from somewhere. I suspect that  
> more than one '.dll' file will be in the list of what it  
> needs. I tried selecting Recovery Console, hoping that I  
> could somehow do a FIXMBR there, but I can't get to RC.  
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> Incidentally, in running Drive Image, I've repeated the  
> whole image-and-recreate process, with and without the  
> 'keep the MBR' option, with no apparent difference in  
> results. I've tried to solve the problem without going to  
> you experts, but what I've considered all logical paths  
> haven't solved it.  
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