

## Re: FIXMBR Redux

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Andrew, you didn't read your mail. You told me that, and I did just that, and I reported back to you how and why I could not boot to XP CD.

I get a DOS message:

"Windows could not start because the following file is missing or corrupt:  
\\Windows\System32\\config\\system

Can attempt to repair file by starting Windows Setup using original CD-ROM, select 'r' at first screen."

I have an OEM machine and no genuine CD-ROM. My OEM is useless. And I have two copied CD-ROMs but neither one will start...I tried both in both CD-ROM drives. It's all there, what XCOPY copied.....but I've had this result with every clone method that I've tried. You are right, that XCOPY is the most simple and straightforward clone method.....but it leads me to the same bind that the others do.

Andrew E wrote:

> *You should have used XCOPY in xp for cloneing the hd,it works...*

> *If the drive happens to be missing files/folders you should run as*

> *master,boot to xp cd,select,install xp,repair xp.Or you can run youre 3rd*

> *party nonsense and figure out all the problems like you have...*

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> *"William B. Lurie" wrote:*

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

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>>*If PartitionMagic or DriveImage really don't include the MBR in whatever*

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>>> *version you have, and if you were looking to copy the MBR from the*

>>> *source drive to the cloned drive, use mbrutil from Powerquest. Go to:*

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>>> *[ftp://ftp.symantec.com/public/english\\_us\\_canada/tools/pq/utilities/](ftp://ftp.symantec.com/public/english_us_canada/tools/pq/utilities/)*

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>> > *and download head.zip.*

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>> *Michael, I am back on the cloning matter, and followed your advice*

>> *as mentioned above. I found 'head' and 'mbrutil', and unzipped*

>> *and created a folder for those files. But from their shorthand,*

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