

Re: Dual boot? or not?

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first off, "master/slave configuration" really only has to do with the way the drives are technically 'hooked' (and configured) together in the system. It has nothing to do with what and how many OS'ses you intend to put on them.

Now back to your Q.

You can, if you want/need install an os on each hd.

that would certainly allow you keep certain settings for certain programs.

However, I don't see the need for that, since you could very well have those same settings (configured automatically/manually) for the particular program once it's installed in the new situation.

If you definitely want to have the os installed twice, make sure you are OK as far as licensing goes.

Also if you have two boot-options (old os / new os) and you install an application in both, you need to decide if the application goes into the same directory/folder or not.

Suppose you have the app installed in the same directory (accessible from both os'ses) then decide to make configuration changes to it while running old os, those changes will (or will *not*) show up when running new os. It could also mean app has trouble running in new os because things have changed while in old os, that will never show up in new os registry eg.

I'd suggest go with the following setup:

drive 1 = OS and installed apps

drive 2 = DATA folders

This will likely mean you having to document the settings you want to keep for specific apps, reinstall (configure) them in the new situation, temporarily back up all your data from the respective discs, delete data folderstructures from disk 1, format disk 2, restore all datafolders to disc 2.

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"Rogert" <rogert@cinci.rr.com> wrote in message
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> *Before I had just a WD120 gig HD that was/is a 5400 rpm drive. I added a new*

> *WD160 gig HD at 7200 rpm. I was/am running XP Home and wanted to keep data*

> *and OS separate on the old and new HD, copy, at my leisure all the data I*

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- > *wanted to keep from the old to the new HD –THEN– "wipe" the old and use it*
- > *simply as an archive storage drive. Western Digital support directed me to*
- > *use master/slave configuration. Fine but that just combined the 2 drive,*
- > *essentially into 1 280 gig drive w/1 XP os. I had files I wanted stuff*
from
- > *but didn't want to inherit all the settings, adware, bulls%^t etc. I*
wanted
- > *to use some settings on some programs and not some on others. Now it's*
kinda
- > *all in the same "mess"*
- > *My question is; is it too late to change configurations, whatever to go*
to
- > *the type of setup I wanted in the first place?*
- > *In other words go to the configuration that will allow me to boot from*
- > *either drive I want to, copy selective data back and forth then in the end*
- > *keep the second HD as just an archive/storage drive? Still seperate from*
the
- > *new 160 gig primary drive?*
- > *Any help here would be greatly appreciated.*
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