

## Re: Dual boot two windows Xp pro

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Hi RC,

Here is what I got. I installed XP English on one physical HD, unplugged the HD, plugged in the other physical HD and loaded XP Chinese on it. Then, I plugged in these two physical HDs back into the box. Both jumpers are set to "Cable Select". The system booted up from XP English and detected the 2nd HD the very first time, and I did see two XP O/S at next system bootup. However, the system gave me error sth about wrong system path blah...when I chose the 2nd XP O/S. I went back to "startup options" setting in XP English, and copied the boot.ini and pasted here...

Do you know if I should manually edit the path in boot.ini file and how?

Thanks

[boot loader]

timeout=20

default=multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(3)\WINDOWS

[operating systems]

multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(3)\WINDOWS="Microsoft

Windows XP Professional" /fastdetect /noexecute=optin

multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(1)partition(3)\WINDOWS="Microsoft

Windows XP Professional" /fastdetect

Calvin

"R. C. White" <rc@corridor.net> wrote in message  
news:%23Zcn2DlqEHA.592@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

> Hi, Calvin.

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> I don't know about mixing language versions. But booting two  
> installations of WinXP (English) is easy. WinXP Setup takes care of it  
> automatically. When Setup detects another WinXP (or Win2K, or Win9x/ME),

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> it simply updates C:\NTLDR and C:\NTDETECT.COM, and adds the new  
> installation to C:\boot.ini, with instructions as to which physical disk,  
> partition and folder it is in. My (uneducated) guess is that it would  
> handle a different language version of WinXP just as simply. No third  
> party boot manager required.  
>  
> Just be sure to put each WinXP installation in a separate volume (primary  
> partition or logical drive in an extended partition) on any physical drive  
> in your computer. And I suppose that you should install your main  
> language last so that C:\boot.ini will be using that language? (Hmmm...  
> How do you spell "boot.ini" in French? Or in Chinese?)  
>  
> If you find out that I'm wrong, please post back for the benefit of others  
> with the same question.  
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>> To All,  
>> I have win xp english loaded on disk1 and another language of xp pro  
>> loaded on disk2. both are ntfs formatted. how do I create a dual-boot  
>> loader file on disk1 so that i can choose different copy of xp to start.  
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>> Thanks  
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>> Calvin  
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