

Re: XP and Windows SE dual boot

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Thanks to all for the info., and suggestions. You've make my decision much easier.

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"André Gulliksen" <andre.gulliksen@start.no> wrote in message news:34dcdcF49q8cvU1@individual.net...

> *The Truth* wrote:

> > *Can anyone point me in the right direction of a how-to article on setting up a XP/W98se dual boot? Also, are there any pitfalls I should know about before hand. My current OS is the XP Home Edition.*

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> *As others have mentioned, installing 98SE after XP can cause problems. But it should be doable. The major pitfalls are (in order): Repartitioning, which can cause havoc on your system if you do not know what you are doing and/or if you are unlucky (remember backups!), and boot loaders.*

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> *Windows 98 SE needs its own FAT32 partition. So you will need to have some free space on one of your hard drives. This partition also needs to be a primary partition rather than a logical partition, and it will also have to*

> *be set to bootable from a suitable partition editor. If you can delete any of your current partitions, or if you have free space, then this should be no problem. If you need to resize any of your current partitions you will need third party software, such as Partition Magic or Ghost.*

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> *The 98SE installer requires that the hard drive it is going to be installed*

> *to is your primary master. This means that if your drive is _not_ then you will have to physically rewire your drives during installation. Also, to actually be able to run 98SE from anything but the primary master you will need a boot loader that can logically swap the internal drives. LILO can do*

> *this, other boot loaders I can not vouch for.*

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> *Even if you only wish to use the normal NT boot loader (which should be fine*

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- > *for most cases), remember that the 98SE installation will overwrite any*
- MBR**
- > *with it's own. To correct this you can use the XP installation CD, enter*
- the**
- > *recovery console and type the command 'fixmbr'. Then you should alter your*
- > *c:\boot.ini to include your Windows 98SE installation. Of course, you can*
- > *use any other boot loader if you wish.*
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