

Re: XP Pro Install prob

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"Rob Giordano (Crash)" <webmaster@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:%23FEkR1ICGHA.2040@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> Ok I'll try that next. I just didn't want to be chasing too many
> ghosts...someone had told me that XP will lock me out of installing after
> a
> certain amount of attempts at installing.

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> Just in case... how can I reformat if I wanted to start clean clean?

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> tnx

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> "Shenan Stanley" <newshelper@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:%23xH0mvICGHA.412@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> | Rob Giordano (Crash) wrote:
> |> Howdy all...

> |>
> |> Attempting clean install of XP Pro on
> |> New:

> |> Abit mb
> |> Sony CD/DVD burner
> |> NO floppy

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> |> Maxtor HD
> |> 1 gig ram
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> |> Up till the wee hours with problem.
> |>
> |> Partitioned hd fine, two partitions C & D.
> |>
> |> XP gets up to the point where it's actually starting to install
> |> itself, then we get error about not finding I386, somekind of
> |> manifest error (forgive me but don't remember the exact errors
> |> since we tried it so many times, and Im now kinda burned out on
> |> this).
> |>
> |> For a while it would ask to put the CD in or point to where I386
> |> was, we tried this abt 5 times, now it doesn't even ask for that.
> |> We are stuck in somekind of half-installed loop.
> |>
> |> I even tried using the full XP Pro CD from my machine, that didn't
> |> work. We don't ever get to where it asks for the key...so I thought
> |> this might work..nope.
> |>
> |> This is an xmas present for my daughter so my son and I were
> |> messing with this for a long time. Probably tried 10 times to get
> |> this installed.
> |>
> |> Maybe its a bad CD or the burner is not reading it correctly?
> |>
> |> Ok...so should we reformat...but how if we're in this loop and we
> |> don't have a Floppy A drive?
> |> Should I buy an A floppy drive and try a boot disk?
> |> I'm sure the store where I bought the parts will replace the XP Pro
> |> disk if I need to also.
> |>
> |> We've tried a bunch of other things too, which I won't bore you
> |> with.
> |>
> |> Flustered and under the gun (of course...nothing ever goes right
> |> when you're rushed)
> |>
> |> Your analysis (somewhere near the halfway point) sounds about right.
> |>
> |> Either a bad/dirty CD or a bad CD drive.
> |>
> |> Clean the CD with a soft/static-free cloth.
> |> Blow out (gently) the CD drive with canned air.
> |> Try a different CD drive – even if just a temp replacement from another
> |> computer.
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> |> --
> |> Shenan Stanley

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> | MS-MVP
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> | How To Ask Questions The Smart Way
> | <http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>
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