

Re: CD Install problem (blank screen after boot)

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I think I just need to blow away the MBR. Maybe after I do that the machine will start fully booting from an XP CD. Now if I could only wipe out the MBR from Linux somehow...

OtisUsenet wrote:

Hi Malke,

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Hi Malke, thanks for the quick response!

I don't think this is the case of bad hardware
– I can boot off of a
Linux CD and install it without any
problems. It is just the

Windows

XP CD that's the problem. :(And the same
CD works in my other
computers, so it's not a problem in CD
either.

The machine currently has Linux (installed it
after C:\WINDOWS got
corrupt/disappeared a few months back), so
the master boot record

has

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Grub sitting there (Linux boot manager).
Could that be the problem?

Is there a way for me to wipe the whole disk
completely? The

machine

doesn't have a floppy to boot from, so I can
run format C:...

perhaps

I can do it from Linux.

Having this information in your *first* post would have been
most
useful.

Yeah. Sorry about that.

If you don't care about the currently installed Linux distro,
then

boot

with the XP cd and go into Recovery Console. Do fixmbr to
completely

Hm, while I can "boot" from the XP CD, I am not sure if I should call
that a full boot. I get to:

– "Press any key to boot from CD ..." <I press any key>
– "Setup is inspecting your hardware...." <this is where screen goes
blank and HDD LED on>

So I'm not sure how I can get to the Recovery Console.... is there some
other way to get there?

remove Grub. Then reboot with the XP cd and take the
installation.

Delete all system partitions on the hard drive (and any other
partitions used for Linux) and create a new one for XP.

Format it

NTFS.

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Now try your install.

You do not need a floppy drive. All XP install cd's are bootable.

Thanks!

Determine the manufacturer of your hard drive, go to that website and download one of their ISO images for diags and burn it to a cd. It will be bootable and you can wipe the hard drive with it and start from scratch. If that doesn't work you may have other hardware troubles.

later.....