

Re: XP Home(SP2) on 2 hard drives

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mooky9669 wrote:

OK, here's the deal...looks like I am getting a new PC soon that comes with XP Home SP2...I am currently using the same OS on the PC I currently have. The drive that comes with the new machine is a serial ATA and this one I'm on is IDE. I wanted to know that if I set my IDE drive as a slave and keep my current operating system on it would it be recognized and would I be able to boot to the master and then still recognize the slave to be able to use it for storage and drag files to the master? The reason I'm wanting to do this is so I don't have to burn a bunch of CDs with my backup files and then do a reformat of the drive before installing. Also I am not looking to boot from the slave as I just want to set it up to boot the master and still be able to have access to the 2nd drive for storage and moving files to the master drive. If this is possible, would I have to set permissions for files and folders on the slave drive that I want to move or have access to? Also, I'm assuming I'd have to set the boot options in BIOS??? I hope someone can help me out. I'm planning ahead here so I know what to do when I get my new system. One more thing, how do you set the IDE jumper to slave?

In other words – you want to get your new system all setup and then put in your hard drive from your old system because all your data is on it and you have no network/external drive to transfer things from the old to the new computer?

Sure – you can do that. Should work fine.

Just keep the drive disconnected until Windows XP is installed and make sure – if your BIOS has such a thing – it is set to look for the boot devices from the SATA controller first.

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