

Re: Installing OS in seperate partition

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There's little or no advantage in terms of the system or how it runs. When you say you thought this would make reloading the OS easier, I assume you mean reinstalling after a format as it appears you are trying to avoid having to reinstall the applications. That won't work. All applications would need to be reinstalled in such a scenario as the OS after a format and reinstall would not know where they are.

However, creating and using Images can save you a lot of time. I have an image of my setup with a clean install of the OS, all drivers loaded and most settings in place. I have a separate image of the OS with most of my primary applications installed.

Sometimes, if I know I'm going to be doing something risky, I'll create an image of my setup with all my data as well. The two best applications for this are Drive Image from PowerQuest, www.powerquest.com (now owned by Symantec) and Norton Ghost, also owned by Symantec, www.symantec.com.

You shouldn't use these in place of a backup, rather use your backup as a supplement to the images which are essentially just the framework of your system without your data files. Used together, in a system crash, you can be up and running again in 30 to 45 minutes as opposed to the hours it would take to first reinstall the OS and then all your applications.

Don't worry if you don't have all the applications installed in the image because whatever comes later for which you may not have had time to create a new applications image will take far less time to install than all the work necessary without the use of images.

I create a specific partition where I store the images and it would also be advisable to burn the image files to a DVD disk as they will likely be too large for CD-R. That way, if your hard drive fails, you still have your images which you can quickly restore after replacing your hard drive.

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"MP" <pokjob@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:i2hoc.75252\$Ik.5409345@attbi_s53...
> Hi
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> I'm building a new PC with 1 physical HDD (200 GB). I plan on creating a
> few
> partitions on it...
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> Question:
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> Is there an advantage to installing WinXP PRO in its own partition (used
> only for the OS)? Example -- create a 30GB partition which would only be
> used for XP -- all other software and apps would be installed in a
> different
> partition.
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> I thought this would make reloading the OS easier later on if I had to
> since --theoretically -- the other partitions could remain untouched if I
> had to reinstall Windows...
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> Please advise if this is worth while... If so How big of a partition
> should
> be allocated for XP PRO? Thanks in advance.
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