

Re: Change Drive letter

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One cannot change the boot partition letter without performing a "clean install" of Windows XP.

Drive Letters Change Unexpectedly When You Install Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:326683&Product=winxp>

The Windows XP CD is bootable and contains all the tools necessary to partition and format your drive. Follow this procedure and allow Windows XP to partition and format your drive:

NOTE: It would be best to physically disconnect all your peripheral hardware devices, except the monitor, mouse and keyboard, before installing XP.

NOTE: If you have an internal Zip Drive installed, physically disconnect the EIDE and power cable to it before proceeding, otherwise your main hard drive may not be assigned the customary C: drive letter. After installing Windows XP, you may then reconnect it.

1. Open your BIOS and set your "CD Drive as the first bootable device".

====> Accessing Motherboard BIOS

====> http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/bios_manufacturer.htm

2. Insert your Windows XP CD in the CD Drive and reboot your computer.

3. You'll see a message to boot to the CD....follow the instructions.

4. The setup menu will appear and you should elect to delete all the existing Windows partitions, then create a new partition, then format the primary partition (preferably NTFS) and proceed to install Windows XP.

5. Clean Install Windows XP

<http://michaelstevensstech.com/cleanxpinstall.html>

[Courtesy of Michael Stevens, MS-MVP]

6. ==> Immediately after installing Windows XP, turn on XP's Firewall.

==> <http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/>

7. After Windows XP is installed, visit the Windows Update website and download the available "Critical Updates".
8. After installing the critical updates, be sure and visit the support website of the manufacturer of the computer to download and install any available Windows XP compatible drivers, such as video adapter and audio drivers.
9. If you happen to run into any installation difficulties, use the following resources:

How to Troubleshoot Windows XP Problems During Installation
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;310064>

Troubleshooting Windows XP Setup
http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_setup.htm

[Courtesy of MS-MVP Kelly Theriot]

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Windows XP - Shell/User
Be Smart! Protect your PC!
<http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/>

"Jerry" <jerry@nospam.plse> wrote in message:
news:40f3f208\$0\$92612\$ed2619ec@ptn-nntp-reader02.plus.net...
| Changing the drive letter under XP is simple except for the boot drive. For
| some reason my boot disk is set as D drive and i would like it to be the
| more usual C.
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| Can anyone tell me how to do this please?