

## Re: XP rebooting

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John Barnett MVP wrote:

- > *A long shot maybe but perhaps a virus in the master boot record. When you*
- > *reinstalled did you simply format the partition or did you delete the*
- > *partition and recreate another one? If you didn't it might be worth*
- > *reinstalling again but before you get to the format the partition section of*
- > *the setup select Delete partition. After deleting the partition next select*
- > *Create and create a new partition.*
- > *To check for a virus before windows boots you really need a Dos floppy*
- > *version of anti virus. Something like McAfee Cleanboot. However, if the*
- > *virus definitions are not up to date it is pointless scanning for viruses*
- > *because the virus may not be registered on the floppy.*
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Deleting and adding partitions does not overwrite the MBR, it only changes the partition table information in MBR. Boot sector viruses infect the bootstrap code in the MBR so deleting partition will have no effect on such an infection.

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