

Re: Please help with XP Professional dual boot

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linuxquestion@yahoo.com wrote:

> "Michael Stevens" <mstevens@bogusmvps.org> wrote in message

> news:<OnZZiI21EHA.2824@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl>...

>> linuxquestion@yahoo.com wrote:

>>> Dear experts,

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>>> I have succeed at this before, but I am really stumped

>>> now, so I hope that someone will be able to tell me

>>> the secret to fix this.

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>>> Computer:

>>> Dell 4550. XP Professional.

>>> Dual hard drives.

>>> Primary, C: XP only 80 gigs.

>>> Secondary. For Redhat 2.1 120 gigs

>>> First partition is extended, then logical /boot

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>>> Now here is something important. When I bought this

>>> machine, the primary/only hard drive had two

>>> partitions in it. The first partition had no drive

>>> letter assigned and was about 30 megs. It had hardware

>>> diagnosis software, etc on it. The second partition was

>>> the C: drive. 80 gigs. I was able to get this to

>>> dual boot with grub, by overwriting the MBR. That

>>> actually worked quite well.

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>> You don't need the 30 gig partition. Format the drives with one or

>> more partitions large enough for installing the OS.

>> Install XP to the primary hard drive.

>> Then install Redhat placing Grub on the second hard drive with

>> Redhat. Personally, I would use the boot floppy method for booting

>> Redhat and leave the XP bootloader intact. Makes it easier if you

>> need to reinstall either OS.

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- > *All that was done successfully before Mike.*
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- > *I'm posting, because what I did previously, is not successful*
- > *this time.*
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- > *You have to read to the end to see the current symptoms.*
- >
- > *The small partition was 30 megs, not gigs. The machine was shipped*
- > *to me that way.*

The gigs was a typo, and you changed the hard drives so why do you need or is it necessary to have the 30 meg partition. I don't think you tried what I suggested.

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