

## Re: External hard drive – XP won't boot with it plugged in

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If your Motherboard supports Legacy USB, then at boot time the PC is trying to initialize the external USB drive. It also can be a issue if the motherboard supports USB devices in the boot sequence.

"Crazybilly" <Crazybilly@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:DFCAE995-39B7-4375-A26D-1A3511DBFCC9@microsoft.com...  
>I have an external hard drive that I just use for various applications (I  
>do  
> not boot from it). If the hard drive's power cord and USB are plugged in,  
> my  
> computer will not boot to XP. It gets past the Windows logo screen but  
> then  
> the screen goes black, and it goes no further. If I unplug the power cord  
> from the drive, my computer boots up every time. The drive works  
> perfectly  
> once I am in Windows. I had the same issue with this drive on my last PC  
> as  
> well (I recently replaced the board and processor). It is more annoying  
> than  
> anything but I was wondering if anyone has any thoughts.  
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> Thanks.