

# Re: Problems with master boot record

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The symptoms don't follow the your observations, rather, they are reversed. MS OS installs or reinstalls overwrite the MBR. That is where bootmagic's text file menu comes from. The remaining menu file material is stored in an actual partition.

The symptoms should be that you lost use of bootmagic entirely after the XP reinstall.

The symptoms you describe are normal if you deleted the file information for bootmagic. This can be by simply deleting the files themselves, the source folder, or deleting the partition where these files are contained entirely.

The MBR would be untouched in this case, and the text version of bootmagic would continue to work.

"colleen medin" <cmmedin@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
<news:ORuD9pFOFHA.2604@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

> Had partition magic's bootmagic installed. It worked fine until I had to  
> reinstall xp. Now I have a text version of bootmagic (I think) & am unable  
> to redo the master boot record. Tried win2k & winxp install cd no banana.  
> They both realized we had a later version of os & I couldn't get to the  
> recovery console to do a 'fixmbr'. I am not clear how bootmagic got into  
its  
> text mode but I am unable to get back to the bootmagic I remember. HELP!  
TIA  
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• **References:**

◆ ***Problems with master boot record***

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