

# Re: boot problem

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Pegasus (MVP) wrote:

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> "noop" <noop@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
> [news:42b5e862\\$0\\$313\\$ba620e4c@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:42b5e862$0$313$ba620e4c@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>> I'm coming to think that the bios cannot find the partition. Perhaps  
> because  
>> it's beyond the limitations of the old Bioses (the motherboard is from  
> 2001  
>> I think), and there isn't the option to access the drive in LBA mode.  
>> I'll check that tomorrow.  
>> Thanks.  
>>  
>  
> Boot the machine with a Win98 boot disk (www.bootdisk.com),  
> then run ntsdos.exe (www.sysinternals.com) do check if your  
> system partition is there and readable.  
>  
> Now format floppy disk #2 on some other WinXP/2000  
> machine and take it to the problem PC while still under  
> the Win98 boot. Type this command:  
>  
> type c:\boot.ini > a:\boot.ini.  
>  
> Now take floppy disk #2 back to your WinXP PC  
> and copy these two files from the i386 folder of your  
> WinXP CD to A:\ -  
> - ntldr  
> - ntdetect.com  
>  
> You have just manufactured a WinXP floppy boot disk.  
> See what happens when you boot the problem PC  
> with it.

Thanks I'll give it a try.

I brewed my own solution:  
I made a new install of XP on the first partition.

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In the boot.ini of this new install I added the option to boot the old version (the one on partition two). The old version boots alright now, I just had to swap the drive assignment in HLM\System\MountedDevices.

This solution seems a bit odd, but my friends/clients don't have the XP CDs and I prefer that they work with the XP they paid for.

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