

Re: Help Required: XP Installation and Partition

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fdisk.exe is included with the Win98 boot disk that you download from www.bootdisk.com. Have a look for yourself!

"Andrew Milne" <andrewmilne@xxxxxxxxxxxxx(nospam)> wrote in message <news:25F2AB77-E440-42B5-939B-E384D2980875@xxxxxxxxxxxxx>

> Yeah, I want to install XP Professional on to my computer.
> I removed my partitions originally with the XP Setup Disk when it gets to
> the Partition stage, and seeing as I was having problems there, I removed
> some using PartitionMagic.

>
> Okay, to do the second option, all I do is download a Windows 98 boot
from:

> <http://www.bootdisk.com/bootdisk.htm>
> Then put the file that I download onto a floppy, and put it into my PC and
> boot it?

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> Is the FDisk and such all in the boot file I download? Sorry for my
> ignorance, I really don't understand alot about computers at this level.

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> "Pegasus (MVP)" wrote:

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>> "Andrew Milne" <andrewmilne@xxxxxxxxxxxxx(nospam)> wrote in message
>> <news:8DA05405-B075-45BA-89C1-0E9BA765D5B4@xxxxxxxxxxxxx>

>>> Hello,
>>> I was trying to re-format my computer, using the Windows XP
Professional
>>> startup disk. I've done this before without problems, however this
time I
>>> begun to encounter problems with the partition table. I removed all
>>> previously used partitions and created a new one to install XP Pro
onto,

>>> everything went well with the NTFS formatting until the restart, once
>>> restarted it went to a black screen saying "Invalid Partition Table".
>>>

>>> I have been able to complete the installation by pressing F8 on
restart,

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>>> then selecting the CD Drive and then not doing anything when it asks
to
>> boot
>>> from CD, however, after completing the installation it requires a
restart
>> and
>>> the problem occurs again.
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>>> I can continue to boot from CD, though I'd much rather not have to. So
I've
>>> attempted to reformat the partitions several times with no avail and
also
>>> tried using PartitionMagic when the computer was running from the XP
disk.
>>> Any support would be appreciated as I do not see why I should have
>> problems
>>> upgrading from XP Home to XP Pro. Just to note, I've also tried
installing
>>> with the other XP Pro disk we have in the house, and my old XP Home
disk—
>> The
>>> same error occurred each time.
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>>> Thankyou,
>>> Andrew Milne
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>>> Please Note: I've looked at every partition guide, so please don't
post
>>> links to sites that will just tell me how to create partitions, I know
how
>>> to... And have done so properly, it's just not working :(
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>>
>> Your post does not make it clear how you deleted the
>> old partitions, nor does it say if you're happy to re-install
>> WinXP. Here is what I would do, in this order:
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>> 1. Boot the machine with a Win98 boot disk (www.bootdisk.com).
>> 2. Run this command to restore the Master Boot Record: fdisk /mbr
>> 3. Remove the boot disk, then reboot the machine. Problem fixed?
>> 4. If not, reboot the machine with the Win98 boot disk.
>> 5. Run fdisk.exe, then delete all existing partitions.
>> 6. Create a primary FAT32 partition of 10 or 20 GBytes.
>> 7. Create a logical FAT32 partition to take the rest of your disk.
>> 8. Reboot with the Win98 boot disk.
>> 9. Type this command: format c: /u /s /v
>> 10. Remove the boot disk, then reboot the machine. Problem fixed?
>> 11. If yes, install WinXP. If no, try the advice given by other
respondents.
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>> If fdisk refuses to delete some partitions, use delpart.exe instead

> > (<http://www.russelltexas.com/delpart.htm>).

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