

# Re: involuntary logical drive in extended partition

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Hi, bgd.

Have you found Disk Management yet? It first appeared in Win2K, 6 years ago this month, but many users – even Windows veterans – have not yet found it. It handles many functions previously done by utilities such as FDISK and Format.exe, including "drive" letter reassignment that was done by Device Manager in Win9x/ME. Perhaps the quickest way to get to Disk Management is to type at WinXP's Run prompt: diskmgmt.msc

In Disk Management, you can arrange the View to suit yourself. I prefer the Volume List at the Top and the Graphical View at the Bottom. And check the very helpful Help file; follow the Related Topics links because it is not written linearly so we have to hop around to find the nuggets.

The terminology here is not always intuitive. As many writers have said, we BOOT from the System Partition and keep the operating SYSTEM files in the Boot Volume. The Status column should show you which volume is Boot, which is System and which one (maybe more if you have multiple HDs) is Active. Only one "status" is shown here for each volume; if the System Partition is also the Boot Volume, then only the (System) label is shown.

Post back with what you see here. Especially, which volumes are System and Boot?

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Of course I found disk management.. I too had disk management on win2k BETA 7 years ago.

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and 2k... and xp pro and xp home.

Many hard drives later and 7 os's 8 pcs 4 monitors and more junk that i care to remember...

This problem has happened 3 times. System partition is fine, it is indeed a primary.

Could you answer question about leaving os on logical and extended(boot). I found it after os was in, before that.. Nothing told me anything. It is not my error, furthermore, and it ought to be fixed.

To sum it up simply:

1 hd is already in with os up and running.. New hard drive installed, unpartitioned, unformatted as slave.

Disk management formats and partitions the new drive.

<-----This is where error must have happened----->

The root of the new drive is set active .The boot os drive, also has an active.....

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There is no indication that it is anything but a primary partition. the bootable one is removed.

New drive in the old drives place.

XP cd to departition the first partition, to be sure the letter was a C:

Again no indication that it is anything other than a primary.

I did this because the os has showed up as other drive letters in past scenarios similar.

I went to check about defrag and found that it did indeed become a logical.extended partition along the way.

After 10 gb of transfers tweaking and setups.. my final question...

Can I continue to run the OS boot partition as a logical and extended partition?

Thank You.

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