

Re: Clone XP to new HD

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As far as I am aware the disk doesn't have any errors on it at the moment. It's making a whining noise.

I was hoping to clone the drive because it seemed easier than reinstalling windows, SP updates and all my applications.

"beb" <someone@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:uP11XafOGHA.1180@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Have you tried starting in safe mode? Cloning or imaging a defective hard drive is a risky thing. Sometimes problems are transferred to the new image. Make sure that you backup your important files before transferring images. I would try a repair installation ,AKA, an in place installation just for fun. However I would do a clean installation to be sure that some other problem won't happen in the future because of damage carried over. You will need a windows XP installation CD, upgraded to the current service pack level of the current operating system on the drive and the license key to do a repair install. Good luck

"M Jones" <mjonesNOSPAM@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:OLE0uIfOGHA.1192@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

My main 40Gb hard disk is very noisy and I think it's about to fail so I have cloned it to my spare 20Gb hard disk using Norton Ghost 9.0. All the files and folders are there and it boots but doesn't give the XP user name login prompt. I get the XP blue login screen saying XP is starting but it doesn't get any further than that.

Is there anything I need to do with the XP OS on my old hard disk before I clone it to my new one? I thought it would be pretty straightforward because I did it very easily with my Win98 machine. Is it because XP is not able to recognise the new disk as installed hardware?

Thanks.

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