

# Re: Quick dual boot question

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In article <#zhQ\$srUGHA.4772@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, wgrant49@somedomain.com, newtechie says...

I'm gonna create a dual boot system probably with 98/XP or 2000/XP but I haven't decided which yet.

Use 2000, forget 98.....Unless ya want 98 for a reason.

I know I have to install the oldest O/S first

No you don't if you use 3rd party software.....Key clue you are giving me is that you have PMagic which comes with BootMagic.....

but what I wanted to know is when I go to install the 2nd O/S, will I

have

to option to create another partition or will it better if I just create

it

with partition magic after I finish installing the 1st one??

Partition Magic/BMagic will be your "GOD" in this scenario.....

Here's my first set of questions:

- 1) How is your system setup now? Is it installed with proprietary crap or was a clean install from a full retail cd?

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- 2) Are you using full retail install CD's?
- 3) Explore your PMagic disk and verify that you do indeed have the "BTMagic" folder available.....
- 4) Just curious.....Why do you want a dual boot?

Just a quick note:

I have been dual booting for "years" and currently run 4 OS's on one drive on various machines for testing purposes so I am very familiar.....I "NEVER" have and will "NEVER" use Windozes way of setting up dual boot scenarios "EVER".....3rd party booting & partitioning software is the best way to go.....

If you are interested in how I "easily" do it than just humor me with the questions, than I will explain to you how I setup my system. If ya like that way than you just learned a nice way to do it..... ;0)

In article <u8#HJb0UGHA.1160@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, wgrant49@someDomain.com, newtechie says...

Hi ByTor,

Thanks for your reply. Here are the answers to your questions:

1. I'm using WinXP(MCE) on a 250gb hard drive and it was a clean install from OEM disc.
2. No retail cd.
3. I'll have to check the Partition Magic disc but I'm sure it's there. It's version 8.
4. No specific why I wanna dual boot.

Now I'm curious to know how would you set up a dual boot with Partition Magic? I am interested in your 'easily' to do it suggestion :-)

newtechie

1st question.....

Is the drive SATA or IDE?

More than likely when installing Win2K the SATA drives may have to be installed first....I myself have not experienced a clean install on a SATA system yet, whether XP or 2K, maybe someone can confirm that portion first as I don't like to claim I know something if I'm not sure.....Usually from what I understand they are done from "text" mode, meaning use of a floppy.....Proprietary machines today do not come with them hardly anymore, reinstalls are done through image

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"restore" disks from manufacturers, no need to install SATA drivers.....

2nd:

How do you wanna split your drive? Me personally I use 40-60gig drives for my OS drives and DO NOT store data within the OS partition(I use imaging software and having dat present is just plain stupid in the end resulting size of the image).....I am a firm believer in NOT storing data there, I use seperate physical HD's or another partition in the same drive which would be your case I assume with one 250gig drive?.....

I ask because with a dual boot how will your save & share your data between the two? In a "Classic" windows tools dual boot scenario the drive will not be hidden so data is accessable, when using a prog & setup 3rd party both OS's will be hidden from each other.....

Do you want to now create, because you have a 250gig drive, a 3rd logical partition to store all your data, shrink/resize your XP install and use a smaller size partition for the second OS? Most people let everything save to the defaults programs & windows save to, hence "major" issue when their OS's begin to melt down, wanna do a restore/clean install & they have NO idea where their data is..... See now you've opened another arena, organization of data!

Don't get me wrong I'm not trying to discourage you from learning how to dual boot but these are just some areas ya may wanna think about.....If you decide to pull an OS & wipe it which one wil you end up keeping.....If it's XP on the first partition no problem, wipe the second one resize your partition to swallow the extra space & be done.....

If ya feel ya wanna continue let me know and I'll walk ya through everything.....

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The Tobes of Hades, lit by flickering torchlight  
The netherworld is gathered in the glare  
Prince By-Tor takes the cavern to the north light  
The sign of Eth is rising in the air.  
By-Tor, knight of darkness,  
Centurion of evil, devil's prince.