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Hi, I have setup a dual boot system using the free version of XXCopy, which you can find at <http://www.xxcopy.com/index.htm>, it was recommend by someone on this forum and I'm really pleased with it. It gives you a bootable clone on any partition you want.

There is an option to boot the clone using a floppy but I edited my boot.ini and now get the choice at bootup.

Every so often I reformat the partition and redo the clone to keep it up to date.

"Rich" <[Rich@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Rich@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:ACBB093A-32B6-45AB-BF0B-F99FF3C7DF77@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:ACBB093A-32B6-45AB-BF0B-F99FF3C7DF77@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

I have been trying the methods suggested here to setup a dual boot pc with windows XP---but I am running into problems that have not been discussed here.

I took the advice of using CasperXP to copy the contents of my current C: drive windows XP MCE 2005 installation onto another physical drive, allowing Casper XP to create a partition from the unallocated space on the second physical drive.

The copy/transfer process seemed to go well---at which point I rebooted the pc and entered the system BIOS. I changed the boot order of the drives to have the second drive with the copy of the windows iXP MCE 2005 nstallation just created boot first. I disable the drive with the original wndows installtion from booting within BIOS as I have seen the comment that upon the first boot of the copied windows installation, you do not want the

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installation to be active or seen by the copied system.

When I reboot out of BIOS, I get an error that there is a problem with hal.dll and that the file needs to be replaced. I inserted the Windows XP CD into the optical drive and rebooted to get to the MS recovery console---which I can do. But recovery console does not ask me to pick a windows installation to repair, it simply goes directly to msdos prompt C:\

If I try bootcfg /rebuild, I receive an error message that there is something wrong with the partition and to try chkdsk to repair the problem.

When I try chkdsk, the response I get back is that there appears to be one or more unrecoverable errors on the drive.

I also tried the the whole process over from the beginning but when I got to the BIOS part, instead of disabling the drive with the original windows installation on it from booting at all, I pulled the power plug on the drive with the original windows installation so that the drive with the copied windows installation would not even see the drive with the original installation. But I received the same bootcfg and chkdsk errors as noted above.

Did I miss something in the various discussions here on setting up a dual boot system via cloning an existing windows XP installation onto another physical drive..?

Thanks..