

# Re: creating a floppy boot disk

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Pennywise@xxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

dds0123 <dds0123@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I am attempting to load WinXP Pro onto a different HDD.  
I have formatted the drive and made sure the MBR was intact.  
I have set my BIOS to boot from CD.  
However when I attempt to start up the computer it invariably gives me that infamous "NTLDR is missing" message. Restarting has no effect. I am assuming that the system cannot read the CD and therefore has no place to start. I tried to download the floppy disks as directed at microsoft.com and it started out OK, but failed partway into the 2nd disk with a "file missing or corrupted" message. So, I downloaded the Microsoft program over again and recreated the floppies only to have it crash again at a different place with a different message.  
Can anyone tell me what files are necessary to create my own bootable floppies? Perhaps this way I can find out in advance if I've messed anything up in the copy process.

<http://bootdisk.com/bootdisk.htm>

You can boot up with a Win98 boot disk, it will load your CD, and install by running winnt.exe.

But you also need to have smartdrv.sys loaded (google for it)

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hopefully the disk he downloads from bootdisk.com will load it.

OP: look in a:\config.sys for a line that says smartdrv  
Make sure it's not a comment! Infact, the line should start with

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"Device=" or "DeviceHigh="

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