

Re: MFT Corrupt – File or Directory unreadable

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Backup your data and delete all partitions. Reinstall XP creating a partition for XP during the installation. Reinstall Vista creating a partition for Vista during the installation. Run the disk management console in Vista and create any other partitions you want. Restore your data. Do not use any third party partition managers to create the partitions.

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Coakeyoakey wrote:

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In my company, I have setup two computers with Volume release Vista fresh on HD and then 2 other computers with Dual Boot XP and Vista.

When launching XP on the dual boot computers, i have two partitions that appear 'File or

Directory is corrupted or unreadable'. But i can see these partitions fine in Vista.

I have a 160GB Seagate IDE hard drive in these 2 dual boot computer with partitions as

follows :

C:\ FAT32 40GB Windows XP
D:\ NTFS 40GB Vista
E:\ NTFS 40GB Test Apps
F:\ NTFS 40GB Test Apps2

I have just installed the Volume License release of Windows Vista

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Ultimate on Drive D. I

selected upgrade install and a fresh drive D:\ to Install to. Boot Loader has now got XP

and Vista.

Booting into Vista i got an error when the Taskbar was running, c:\\$MFT (or C:\\$MSFT)

corrupt.

Booting into Vista is does a Chkdsk on drives E & F, but when in Vista these drives can be

seen and all the files are intact.

Boot into Windows XP it does Chkdsk as well, launch explorer, drives E & F display as Local

Disk and an error stating 'File or Directory is corrupted or unreadable'

- (1) How do do i rebuild the MFT ?
- (2) Is their any way in XP to get the names of these partitions back. (I have used Acronis

and the Names and files appear on the drive, its just XP doesnt want to show them).

Can anyone help ?