

Re: NTLDR compressed

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It's easy to fix but you need a real Windows XP disk (not a recovery disk) to access the Recovery Console or you will have to access the installation by mouting your hard disc into another Windows 2000/XP computer to "decompress" ntlldr. If you can't borrow a suitable Windows XP CD then you can use the Setup boot disks available from Microsoft: <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=310994>

To "decompress" ntlldr simply boot to the Recovery Console and issue the following commands (pressing <Enter> after each):

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CD \  
ATTRIB -C NTLDR
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Description of the Windows XP Recovery Console
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/314058>

John

Ronald E. Foltz wrote:

I posted a message concerning this problem some time ago but don't believe i was specific enough:

after trying to install the sevice pack 2 i received a black screen with the message "NTLDR compressed

press ctrl+alt+del to restart. . .when i do this i just receive the black screen with the NTLDR message. . .have run my "recovery disk" which gives me three options,

1) "non-destructive restore" which restores all factory installed software and drives plus saves all my personal files and applications. . .

2) "system restore. .no format" which restores all factory installed software and applications, plus saves my personal files but all windows apps and drivers installed after purchase, will be erased

3) "system restore. . quick format" restores all factory installed applications and files , everything else will be erased

I tried the first option. . it went thru all the motions of restoring files, showing files being restored, progress and time elapsed. . when finished, it said to click start and remove the restore cd. . got the same black screen with the NTLDR message. . .tried the second eption with the same results. . .

I just want to know if there is anyway of getting into the windows desktop so maybe i can try a system restore thru "help and support". . . i don't want to try the third option and erase all

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my files unless absolutely necessary. . . . any information will be greatly appreciated. .
.thanks.....Gene