

# Re: Deleting Non-DOS Partitions

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I agree with your assessment, RajKohli. I think the best thing to do is to check first and see if the hard drive is connected properly, and being recognized by the system. Unfortunately, I don't know what the CMOS setup command is for my Sony PCG-FXA36. I tried pressing <delete> but nothing happened. As I stated in another reply, there are two things that can happen when this computer is powered up:

1. If the Sytem Recovery CD is in, the screen will go to the first window of System Recovery.
2. If any other 'nonbootable' CD is in, or no CD is in at all, then the screen just gives a constant cyclical message:

Intel UNDI, PXE-2.0 (build 082)  
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For Realtek RTL8139(A/B/C)/RTL8130 PCI Fast Ethernet Controller v2.11 (001205)  
PXE-E61: Media test failure, check cable  
PXE-M0F: Exiting PXE ROM.

How do I find out what button or combination of buttons to press to check the CMOS setup?

Please advise.

Thank you.

"RajKohli" wrote:

Before you make it more complicated with the Bootable and Recovery CDs, I will suggest you to check the hard disk first.

1. Turn on your Laptop.
2. Open CMOS setup by press DEL key or they key required by your BIOS. See the first screen (POST) for information.
3. Find the Standard CMOS settings or IDE / Hard Disk settings. Make sure that your hard disk being detected by the BIOS before you proceed further

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with CD booting process.

You said "I just installed a replacement hard drive" means did you installed it by yourself? Could be possible that the disc is not properly plugged.

Hope this information helps you, let us know!

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Add SHOW / HIDE Recycle Bin option in "Folder Options". Learn how to at:

<http://www.mindurbrain.zippyfreehost.com/>

"arnie" wrote:

I'm sorry I didn't include this bit of information in my previous posts:

When it asks me to continue, and I type "Y" for "yes", the phrases

Creating a C: partition  
Error 0x1

show up for just a second or so under the System Recovery CD window.  
Then  
the screen goes black, except for the phrase

No fixed discs present

which flashes at the top for just a second or so. Then everything just goes back in a continuous loop to the first System Recovery CD window asking the same "do you wish to continue" question.

"ByTor" wrote:

In article  
<4C1DD359-56C4-482C-A9F2-8139BFD448D9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, arnie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx says...

Windows is not up and running on this machine.

I installed a new (or reconditioned I guess) hard disc drive. I'm guessing that there is nothing on it—isn't that the case with a new disc drive? It is for my Sony PCG-FXA36 laptop

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computer I bought back in 2001. I can't use Disk Management, because Windows is not loaded.

As far as I know, the Windows XP software is on the Sony System Recovery Discs (quantity =3) which came with the original computer purchase. The discs say they contain all the preinstalled software that originally came with the system. I inserted the Sony System Recovery Disc #1, which produced the "delete Non-DOS partition" message.

What do I hope to achieve? I hope to have everything up and running like it was when I bought this laptop computer five years ago.

Please advise.

Normally non-DOS refers to a container created for logical partitions, so it'd be safe to say that the drive is not wiped totally clean.

You can either use the manuf of the HD's software to wipe it or you can actually use a win98 floppy boot disk to delete the non-dos partitions. Actually when you got the option to continue just say yes as it may lead you to delete partitions in the setup.....