



RE: Boot fail -- missing file

Hi Charlie, the hardware abstraction layer is corrupted or missing.

1- Restart with your Windows XP CD into your CD-ROM .

2- XP's setup program will automatically start and files will be loaded to memory

3-When you reach the Welcome to Setup screen and you get the options for setup, Repair Select the Repair option by pressing R.

4- This will start the Recovery console

5 - As you only have one installation on your PC you need to press the number which is relevant to your installations location. This, obviously it will be 1.

6- Type in your Administrator password. If you are using Windows XP Home edition the administrator password is blank or if you didn't set up an admin password for the installation by default will be blank so press Enter to leave blank.

7-Now type bootcfg /list

8- A list will now appear of all the entries in your boot.ini file

9- Then type bootcfg /rebuild

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multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(1)\WINDOWS="Windows XP Professional"
/fastdetect
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You will get this:

'load identifier' : is the name you put in between the quotes "Windows XP Professional" or if it "Windows XP Home Edition"

'load options' would be : /fastdetect

10- Your bo