

Re: URGENT – Help Needed with TOTAL System Restore

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Sorry, that should read take the Recovery Console option.

"R. McCarty" <PcEngWork-NoSpam_@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:%23nqiEaZPHHA.856@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Your partitioning scheme changed. The Dell PC hard drive has a number of partitions not present on your replacement drive. You need to boot to the XP disk, taking the Repair option and perform a Fixboot command. Likely the Retrospect recovery is installing the original Boot.Ini file which is pointing to partition(2) instead of (1) which is what your current config is using.

"Desperate" <Desperate@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:94E4E62F-D8EF-416B-8879-E6FA128CA3C8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Sorry for the duplicate posting from the other forum, but I'm in a really bad situation.

I am very diligent about doing a nightly full system backup. I backup to an external USB drive using Retrospect HD. This software does a progressive nightly backup of my ENTIRE harddrive, including the operating system.

Two days ago my hard drive crashed. I've installed a new hard drive and installed the version of XP-Pro that shipped with my Dell desktop about 3 years ago. My plan was to install just the OS and then install my backup software and use it to reinstall everything from my backup drive. I was hoping that my backup would overwrite the version of XP with my most recent backed up version, along with all my programs, data, and settings.

Here's the problem.

I've gone through the process 3 times of reinstalling XP, and then restoring

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all of my backed up data. All my data appears to be present — I can see all of the files on the system after they are reinstalled, BUT the system will not boot from the new hard drive after I power down. I get the following error message:

"Windows could not start because of a hardware configuration problem. Could not read from the selection boot disk. Check boot path and disk hardware.

Please check the Windows documentation about hardware dis configuration and your hardware reference manuals for additional information."

At this point my system get's stuck in a loop and XP will not load. The only place I can get to is the BIOS. I have confired that my new hard drive is set to the Primary Master drive.

I'd really hate to have to reinstall all of my programs, settings, etc. manually. I feel like I'm so close to getting this right , but I'm missing something.

Was I incorrect to think that simply restoring all of my data would override the basic installation of XP?

I've been messing with this for 2 days and I'm about to pull my hair out. ANY suggestions you have would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance for your help—

Signed,

Desperate