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Specs: 3yr old DeskTop PC, Win XP Pro SP2; all the usual, average, run-of-the-mill, standard modern specs...

PROBLEM:

How can I restore (on my screen) my old DeskTop from the previous XP Pro install?

The above is my basic problem. If there's a simple solution, fine; if not, then hopefully whoever reads this will wade thru the whole story for the detail on my dilemma, just below. I reckon there's a clue in there somewhere on where I went wrong...

HD couldn't be accessed as Master; only as slave. Looked like MBR was destroyed/corrupted. Set as Master and re-installed XP. Had my doubts but went ok. Windows recognized it and must have repaired the MBR. This was better and less risky than me trying some of those FDISK commands, et al. Windows warned however that some files and ALL settings, etc., would be wiped. 's OK. I had previously already backed all my data to elsewhere.

So be it. Now made an official MS BACKUP of the Documents and Settings folder prior to the re-install. Did this while HD was hooked as Slave and saved the backup to the Master HD and to another 'puter on the LAN. Did BACKUP via the 'Files and Settings Transfer Wizard' – or was it just via the MS BACKUP UTILITY? Not sure now. Memory BAD.

There was some confusion during the process because I don't think the Wizard (or MS BACKUP UTILITY) was designed with my kind of

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situation in mind; that is, transferring/backing 'Settings' off an inaccessible, blown-MBR, prime partition (C:) HD hooked as a Slave to another Master HD so that the blown HD could be accessed as Slave. The Wizard/BACKUP options looked funny but ultimately all seemed to have gone according to Hoyle (OK).

After re-install XP, I executed the BACKUP file and tried use the basic wizard to restore my settings. No go. Double clicking on the funny (w/ CD) icon didn't do anything. Went to 'Advanced' mode. That did the trick. Selected "Don't replace files". At first only 1300 of 1700 objects/files got processed. Nothing got restored – even after re-boot.

Note: I reckon that a Wizard is a Wizard because he's smarter than the rest of us. Not so, in this case. The Wizard didn't seem much of