

Re: XP Continuously reloads

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"Shinra14" <Shinra14@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Hi,

I went through the warnings that were listed in the document that you linked to. I can't perform any of the recommendations in the warnings to back up data since I can't get into Windows XP at all. My main concern is that I don't want to lose data and programs. Just to make sure, since I'm under the situation where I don't think I could back up any information before running repair. Would running the repair from the CD cost me data and programs?

Thanks

Running a repair install "normally" does not affect either data or programs.

However, even if you can't boot XP, you *can* back up your data pretty easily. You need another XP PC with sufficient drive space, and a way to connect your drive to it; either via a USB2 drive case (about \$20) or internal cabling from the PC.

Simply remove the drive from your present PC, attach it to the other system, and copy the files across. You may find that running an imaging program, such as the Acronis TrueImage 14-day free trial (about 100 meg, www.acronis.com) is the fastest way to get *all* of the data. Often the complete task, including moving the drive back and forth, can be done in an hour or so. Simply copying files can take much, much longer.

While you have the drive attached to the other system (and before copying or imaging), look in the root folder and delete the one or two very large files there, pagefile.sys and hiberfil.sys. Empty the recycle bin.

Sometimes deleting pagefile.sys is all that is needed to fix this kind of cycling-reboot problem.

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HTH
-pk

"Rich Barry" wrote:

You can try a Repair Install since you have the WinXP Cd. You won't loose everything. Just go here for further Instructions
<http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/XPrepairinstall.htm> Read carefully before trying.

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Help please,

While playing a computer game, my computer just restarts and goes into loading Windows XP. However, I got the message that the operating system load failed. Thus I had the options of entering XP through a Safe Mode, Last known configuration, and so on. I tried all of them but XP still fails and goes back to those options of using Safe Mode and what not. I do have the Windows XP CD. But I would prefer not to have to re-install XP and loose everything.

Any ideas on what to do?

Thank You,

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