

Re: Replacing Hard drive

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You're welcome. the Ultimate Boot CD is a great tool.

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Kerry
MS-MVP Windows – Shell/User
<http://www.vistahelp.ca>

Daniel wrote:

Kerry and everyone that helped,

I just gave up, Symantec help gave up, leaving me hanging twice and hanging up on me three times, and all my friends gave up, we tried everything and nothing gave us a bootable HDD.

In the end we just reinstalled everything and copied the data files over.

But it was not all bad, the Ultimate boot CD is brilliant, thanks for the heads up Kerry.

regards

Daniel

"Kerry Brown" <kerry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx*a*m> wrote in message news:O65akpx4GHA.3396@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I haven't used Ghost since the 2003 version so I don't know if the problem is because of Ghost or something else. Many laptops have a non-standard boot sector to facilitate the "Press xx key" on bootup to start a factory restore. With Acronis True Image I have found the following works when imaging a laptop drive to an external drive. Make sure you select the drive not a partition to image. When you select the drive it will select all the partitions. When restoring you also have to pick the whole drive not just a partition. When restoring you have to keep the factory restore/diagnostic partition the same size as it was on the original drive. Any other partitions can be resized during the restore. These instructions are specific to Acronis True Image but I imagine Ghost works similarly. If all

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else fails you can download the Ultimate Boot CD
<http://www.ultimatebootcd.com/>

Use the MBRtool to write a new standard boot sector. This will probably break the factory restore function but it will allow you to boot into XP on the new drive.

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Kerry
MS-MVP Windows - Shell/User
<http://www.vistahelp.ca>

Daniel- Sydney wrote:

Hi Kerry

I did not get any error messages, simply nothing happened after the Laptop powered up, by the way I did select "copy master boot record" as an option when copying the files, I tried a repair install of XP, the OS was found and the repair install went through but when it rebooted, once again nothing, the Laptop shut down, powered up but the screen stayed black

I formatted the new HDD again and ran through the whole Ghost thing, but still no boot, I ran the XP CD MBR but still nothing.

I formatted the HDD again and installed windows to see if it was the HDD playing up but it booted fine.

I'm all out of ideas

cheers
"Kerry Brown" wrote:

The other suggestion of formatting and doing a clean install will work but is a little drastic at this point. When it wouldn't boot what error messages did you see on the screen? Do you have a Windows CD? If you don't have a Windows CD do you have access to

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another computer with a CD burner?

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Kerry
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Daniel wrote:

Well I gave it my best shot,
followed all of the direction
and when I put the 80G into
my laptop it would not boot,
I
followed the Symantec
technicians advice and did a
boot record
restore to no avail, in the
end one Symantec tech hung
up and the
other left me hanging, so
now I am lost.

I know this is not a Ghost
NG but any advice
appreciated

regards

Daniel
"Kerry Brown"
<kerry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx*a*m>
wrote in message
<news:OLU2pgX4GHA.3644@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

That is the
best
solution,
easier and
less error
prone than
using
CDs or
DVDs.

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Kerry
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Windows –
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Daniel
wrote:

Okay,
I'm
convinced,
Ill
give
it
a
go,
I'm
going
to
have
to
copy
the
Drive
to
an
external
drive
and
then
copy
it
back
when
I
have
installed
the
80G
Hard
Dive.
Will
that
work?

thanks

Daniel
"Kerry
Brown"
<kerry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx*a*m>
wrote
in

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doing
the
wrong
thing,

thanks

"KEKA"
wrote:

First
and
foremost,
your
version
of
Ghost
must
be
able
to
access
the
media
you
saved
the
image
file(s)
on.

If
he
was
able
to
access
the
media
to
create
the
image
he
will
be
able
to
access

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that
same
media
to
restore
the
image.

If
the
laptop
is
in
XP
NTFS
format
(doubtful
on
a
factory
laptop),
your
version
of
Ghost
has
to
be
able
to
create
an
XP
version
of
NTFS
(NTFS
version
3)
partition
for
restoration.
There
also
may
a
question
of
the
MFT

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and
MBR
restoration
in
some
cases
with
older
versions
of
Ghost
regarding
XP
and
its
version
of
NTFS.

My
2
year
old
Compaq
came
with
XP
installed
on
an
NTFS
partition.
Acer
is
one
of
the
few
OEM's
that
installs
XP
on
FAT32
partitions
from
the
factory.
If
the

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OP
has
Ghost
2003
NTFS
is
not
an
issue.