

Re: Two primary partitions. XP on 2nd partition mangled 1st partion... why?

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Noozer:

You should not use the method you stated to run multiply OS on one computer. You should use the "Dual Boot" method. There are many articles on the Internet and at Microsoft's TechNet site on dual booting.

Here is a quick run through for dual booting two OSs.

1. Create two partitions on the hard dive.
2. Make the first partition the Active partition.
3. Install Windows ME on the first partition.
4. Start the install of Windows XP and chose the second partition for the installation destination. The installation will automatically setup dual boot for you.

Whenever you power up your computer you will be prompted to chose which OS to load. ME or XP.

Note that this is only one way to setup a dual or multi boot.

Steven.

Noozer wrote:

> *Hi!*

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> *For testing purposes I wanted a 2 gig partition with Windows ME installed on my computer. I normally use Windows XP SP1.*

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> *I created two primary partitions on my drive, first 2 gig being for ME and then the rest for XP. I set the first partion as active and installed ME, got it all working, software I normally use, drivers, etc. and all was good.*

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> *I then set the other partition as active and installed Windows XP SP1. It all installed fine and my applications and drivers are all humming along.*

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> *Tonight I needed to test a network adapter in ME. I booted from a floppy disk and ran FDISK. I set the first partition as active and then restarted*

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- > *the computer... It says "Starting Windows Millenium..." and then the next*
- > *line has about 10 ASCII/ANSI characters and the computer just stops.*
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- > *What did XP do to me ME installation and how can I get it working???*
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