

## Re: New Install of XP problem

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No luck. I do not have to press a key to boot from CD when it starts up. Also the boot order is DVD/CD followed by the HD. Apparently XP is installing some files to the HD because when it goes to format the HD again on after rebooting it asks whether to do a quick format, a full format or use the existing format. If I choose the existing format it notifies me that an existing /Windows directory exists and will be overwritten. I have tried different combinations to no avail.

----- Jupiter Jones [MVP] wrote: -----

On subsequent reboots, do NOT press a key to boot to CDROM.  
Also be sure the hard drive is a boot device in the BIOS, preferably #2 with CDROM being #1.

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"vbaron" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message  
news:602EB47C-EEF2-4ED5-AC88-34C2F0EC87E7@microsoft.com...  
> *I am setting up a new PC and installing XP on a new hard drive*  
    *(Western Digital 120Gb)*  
> *The setup program starts up, loads drivers, prompts me to format the*  
    *drive (which i do) Then it continues to install by re-booting the*  
    *system, upon which it starts the installation cycle (format, reboot)*  
    *all over again, and again, and again.*  
>> *The system is a P4 2.8Ghz with 512 Mb - the boot CD is a DVD/CD*  
    *drive.*  
>> *Any help?*