

Lost Start and Task Bar and other functions

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I started my computer yesterday and only had the icons on the desktop. The Start and Task Bars are gone. The Network Connections folder is empty (totally blank) but I do have a network connection and can navigate through Internet Explorer. In Windows Explorer I have lost the functions to drag and drop, copy and paste any files. I did a full recovery of the OS, loaded XP sp2, Office and other programs and all works fine. I reconnected a second hard drive and lost everything again. I suspect a virus on the second hard drive but cannot get it to connect to run a virus check. I have disconnected the second hard drive but the problem persists. Is there a way to repair XP without re-installing the OS. How can I scan the second hard drive and clean it without losing any other data?