

Recovery of files on unbootable XP box

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Having removed some spyware from registry I find that my XP-professional OS will now not boot. To my knowledge all files are still OK, I just can't access them. Safe mode etc does not do it. Computer gets stuck on " starting windows XP " dialogue screen.

I have OEM installation CD and have tried the Recovery Console when booting from the CD, this gives me a version of DOS (I believe) but it does not seem to allow me to navigate outside the windows directory.

Does anyone know what best course of action is ? All I want to do basically is makes sure I save some files that are in my documents and on the desktop. Then I can re-install the whole thing.

Advice is appreciated