

## Re: XP install says no file system on drive, but files are still visible

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On Mon, 20 Dec 2004 03:54:18 GMT, "WinGuy" <no\_spam@nomail.bot> wrote:

>> *I've also updated the BIOS of the motherboard with no effect.*  
>> *Booting in to safe mode tells me that everything loads fine up to*  
>> *agp440.sys. Is there a log file written on bootup that I can look at to*  
>> *see what it fails to load?*  
>  
>*Aah, I think that's to do with your graphics card in the brown AGP*  
>*motherboard slot. In the menu that you can get to Safe Mode, do you have an*  
>*option to force VGA mode? That's only 640x480 16 colors. If that works but*  
>*the normal 800x600 Safe Mode will not boot then you might have a bad*  
>*graphics card driver or a physically bad card. Try reseating the card (first*  
>*be sure the AC Power cord is physically disconnected), if it's not built*  
>*onto the motherboard chipset.*

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Graphics are on board, so no AGP card.

>*Look for "ntblog.txt" in your windows or winnt folder. Might want to clear*  
>*it of old content before doing the boot attempt. Not all things that it says*  
>*it did not load are a problem. Usually, the culprit will be the last line or*  
>*maybe no more than one of the last 3 lines identifying a driver that is*  
>*causing a problem when the system won't boot.*

>  
Something you said earlier got me thinking last night. The machine is a work machine and came with XP Pro already loaded. The XP install disc I was using is not the same one that was originally installed. I wonder if this might be the reason for it not showing up when I try to repair it? Would the install disc refuse to acknowledge the existing install if the discs were different? It's unlikely our support guys will be able to tell which was the original. May even have been an OEM install.

I'll check the ntblog later today, but to be honest I'm at the stage now where I'm thinking I'll have to re-install a new drive and slave this old one permanently :(

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