

Re: System file missing – need help on restoring my original windows x

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Dennis,

I tried what you suggest, and now I see two windows directories, but my administration password does not work now to let me in. What else can I do? Did the admin password get corrupted?

N.

"Dixonian69" <Dixonian69@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:05D8BB33-22DE-4D67-92C9-D50CE1E155D2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

- > boot up with xp cd.
- > select "r" for repair to start recovery console.
- > dhow many installations does it show?
- > if only one install shows up. at command prompt type bootcfg /rebuild
- > if successful in restoring c:\windows, try a repair install again.this time
- > c:\windows should be there.
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- > Bootcfg commands
- > <http://support.microsoft.com/?id=291980>
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- > --
- > Dennis S.
- > I'm from Illinois. I hope I helped you. Good Luck.
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- > "The Servant" wrote:
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- >> I'm still trying to get repair to work on my new pc. I read all the
- >> suggested bulletins and tried everything. I finally got repair to see my
- >> unique drivers and got to the place where I could pick a version of Windows
- >> XP Professional to boot, but it only showed the latest install and not the
- >> original as a choice.
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- >> I had a lot of answers last week, but since last Friday no one has answered

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>> my question.
>> I will repost it.
>> ----- trying to run repair -----
>> I have tried running chkdsk /r twice, and have then tried to run the repair
>> procedure. I finally got the drivers to load by having the drivers on a
>> floppy in A drive before I started. Then when I get to the screen where
I
>> can click repair, the only choice is: C:\windows2\
>> but the version I want to repair is in: C:\windows\
>> Any ideas?
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>> N.
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>>> The original problem was missing or corrupt system file in the
>>> c:\windows\system32\config\ directory.
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>>> When I installed XP again into a c:\windows2 directory, I then booted
up
>> and
>>> was able to go see what was happening in the
c:\windows\system32\config
>>> directory and there was no file called system there, but there was one
>>> called system in the C:\windows2\system32\config\ directory. So I
rebooted
>>> into a safe mode dos prompt and copied that file called system from
the
>>> c:\windows2\system32\config\ path to the first install,
>>> c:\windows\system32\config directory.
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>> I've seen the problem you describe – it can be solved by booting from
>> the Windows XP CD, going into recovery mode and from the Dos Prompt
>> doing a CHKDSK /R a couple times. If you only run it once it won't fix
>> the entire structure, the minimum I've seen is twice.
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>> Now that you've copied the one structure over-top the other I think you
>> will need to do a repair/reinstall and use the F6 option to install
>> drivers first.
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>> You may find that the copy didn't work and you still need to do a CHKDSK
>> /R in order to repair the FAT.
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 - ◆ **System file missing – need help on restoring my original windows xp pro sp2 – it only shows one install, not two.**
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