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George try to establish if there is a problem with your hard disk. If you go to the Western Digital web site <http://support.wdc.com/download/> Type into the box provided the model of your Hard Drive then select Data Lifeguard Diagnostic either floppy or CD from the listbox on the right. This will enable you to create a boot disk to run a series of hard disk tests. (If you decide to make a diagnostic CD you will probably have to set your PC bios to boot from CD)

If there is a hardware problem the diagnostic will find it. If the hard disk passes these tests then Windows XP is the source of the problem. The next thing to check is the partitions on the hard disk. Go to <http://www.ptdd.com/> and download a demo version of Partition Table Doctor. This will tell you if the hard disk partitions are corrupt. Now if the hard disk and the partitions are ok you need to turn your attention to XP itself. To be honest it is often quicker to reinstall Windows completely rather than spend days tracking down an evasive problem. Repairing Windows from the CD rarely works in my experience and remember the repair will reflect XP as it was when the CD was produced. I would do a parallel instal of XP. This just involves booting the PC from the Windows CD. It will detect an existing installation and ask if you want to repair or install a new copy of Windows. Choose the latter and just opt to install to a different folder. So if your existing root folder is c:\windows you might choose c:\winxp for the new install. Windows will take about 30 minutes to install—remember to press F6 during the early stage of installation to install your Sata drive controller. With any luck your new installation will complete successfully and you will be able to see your data and personal files from the previous install. Copy everything you need and then delete the old install folder ie c:\windows or whatever you may have called it . Hope that helps.

Chelsea

"George" <George@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:BADDDD08-44D0-423C-A385-BE00B3845F7C@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
> That was going to be my next option but now when i use the recovery
> console
> from the windows cd it says that my hard drive is not found and i should
> make

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- > sure that it is plugged in and turned on. I checked the plugs and wires
- > and
- > everything is connected like it should be. The HDD is a Western Digital
- > 72GB
- > SATA that needs to have a special driver installed from a floppy disk
- > whenever I install or repair windows. After installing teh drivers from
- > the
- > floppy Windows setup continues to copy files and then it hangs on
- > "Examining
- > 70905 MB Disk 0 at Id 0 on bus 0 on viasraid..." am using an abit av8
- > motherboard with the KT800 chipset (pretty sure) amd 3500 2x512 ddr400mhz
- > with ati 9700 pro. This is unbelievable because i have never had any
- > problems with this machine before and just the night before the computer
- > was
- > working perfectly fine then when i got home from school at around noon i
- > tried to turn it on and it seems to have "lost" the HDD or it was
- > sabotaged,
- > and both scenarios seem impossible.

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