

Re: Best way to upgrade "C" drive?

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"DaveK" <DaveK@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:4E270CE5-A9C7-4442-91B1-35C69F6E2666@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> This is a topic near and dear to my heart, right now... and I'm about to
> go
> nuts over it!
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> I have tried several different methods of copying/cloning my 80 gb drive
> onto my new 200 gb drive. This includes DriveImage 7, DriveimageXML,
> Seagate
> Drive Wizard, and a couple of other approaches.
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> All the files copy over just fine, but when I try to boot the drive, it
> hangs. I have tried doing a repair install, but that fails when the
> installer cannot find a file called "asms" on the reboot.
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> It is beginning to look like I will have to go through a complete
> reinstallation, then reactivation, and then likely reinstallation of ALL
> the
> other software... including some annoying reactivations there.
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> Anybody have any ideas on how to make this upgrade work?
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> Thanks,
> DaveK

DaveK:

First of all, is your 80 GB HD bootable and functions without any problems?

Let me repeat that...

Is your 80 GB HD bootable and functions without any problems?

If your answer is an unequivocal "yes" we can go on. If your answer is "no", or "well, maybe", then we stop right here and you first get that drive to a bootable, functional state without any problems.

You see what I'm driving at, right? If you clone garbage, garbage is what you'll get. So your source disk must be bootable and functioning

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problem-free in order to create a viable clone.

We haven't used DriveImage in quite a while. We were never impressed with its disk cloning capability at least as compared to the Norton Ghost 2003 program we've been using for some time. Although I have to admit that many users find DI more than acceptable for that purpose. But it's not *my* program of choice in this area.

Why the Seagate utility didn't work for you I don't know. I assume your 200 GB HD is a Seagate PATA drive, right? Are you absolutely sure you precisely followed Seagate's instructions to copy (clone) your 80 GB HD to the new one? Did you try it again?

After the copying (cloning) operation) are you absolutely sure your 200 GB HD was (is) correctly configured/connected/jumpered before you tried to boot to it? Absolutely sure? (I'm assuming that the 200 GB HD is an internal drive, right?)

Have you used the Seagate diagnostic utility to ensure the drive is non-defective?

For basic disk-to-disk cloning we use either Norton Ghost 2003 (bootable floppy disk or bootable CD) or Acronis True Image (bootable CD), another disk imaging program that's very popular. If you're still unable to create a "good" clone and want to pursue this issue further using either of those programs, so indicate and we'll try to help, as I'm sure other responders to your query will as well.

Anna

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