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"Adde" <Adde.26ulan@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
<news:Adde.26ulan@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

So this morning I left my laptop on while going to college and then work, after work I came home the laptop was off. Weird I thought I start it up and \*It keeps giving me an error that the "Windows could not start because the following file is missing or corrupt:  
\\WINDOWS\\SYSTEM32\\CONFIG\\SYSTEM".\*  
It tells me to insert the Windows XP cd, or set up cd.

Now I haven't done it yet because I want to know is there anyway \*to save my stuff that I have on my harddrive? and DO NOT WANT IT TO FORMAT MY HARDDRIVE\*

The reason is I have FINAL PROJECTS for my term papers and also FINALS and all information related to college. I am really worried that I don't have it anymore and I don't know what I would tell my college professors. Please someone if you know how to save the portion of the disk that's not windows please help.

Thank you.

I also tried doing a start up disk, before coming to my senses realizing that my laptop doesn't have a floppy drive.

I think this cd that I'm using is not service pack 2 even though my laptop had it on when it crashed. Any ideas what I can do thank you

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Adde

You have a corrupt registry. This file is the system hive.  
You're in for a lot of work. Search Help & Support for "corrupt registry".  
Jim

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