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right now im recovering files form D drive using a program called Recover My Files, but to slow i do not what to do any thing right now to that drive

and as for win98s3 i have install that for a while, the upgrade some time ask me if i qualty for the upgrade, so have to put in a win 98se cd, but it never loaded and fro what i learn ther not must differnt from a upgrade cd and and a full cd for xp home , it has all the file and is cheap i never has a problem with it so far, but i had the dual boot screen before, just wish i knew hope i got rid of it lol

ther was only one time i boot xp over 98se but most time i formated, i use use the xp cd nad a few time i had to show i had a older ver for upgrade i did not install 98se this time nor any other time since i got xp home

<[robert.bidgood@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:robert.bidgood@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message <news:1152489707.109783.262000@xx>

So far what I picture is your XP has been installed on D as a dual operating system and XP created a multiple booting screen for your choice .

Read link for more info

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/setup/learnmore/multiboot.mspx>

If I was faced with this problem I would solve it this way. Since your pictures and other stuff where mistakenly over written I would solve this issue the fastest and easy way by reformatting D drive and make sure it is set as a slave so it won't be considered a boot disk again. Better yet, fdisk c& d reformat C & D then install Win 98SE, then install your XP upgrade. XP upgrade are prone to failure and have more problems becasue they carry over Win 98 instablities with them. My advise it to purchase Win Xp SP 2. If purchasing a new XP copy is a

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issue; I show a short cut of skipping Win 98 Se install. If you would like to try to reverse engineer yourself out of this mess read up on this link [http://www.webtree.ca/windowsxp/repair\\_xp.htm](http://www.webtree.ca/windowsxp/repair_xp.htm)

afbosch@xxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

I think most of your problem is the two OS's on C and D drive. They are conflicting and confusing Microsoft. ---<<<<<  
yes i think so to but where it hiding i do not know—when i start the compter up i get 3 option  
microsoft windows XP home ed  
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miccrosoft recovery console  
but if i try to use the one that does Not work i get a black screen with error (( window could not start because the following file is missing <window root>\system32\hal.dll—please reinstall a copy of file>, here where  
it get intering i did a serach for window and system 32, and i found it only on C d rive, the only thing i did find was recycler and system volume  
info, and that a fter i went to d drive and then to tools\folder option/view  
and then to hidden files and folder )click) show hidden files and folder and also unclick hide protected operating system files recommand

- 1, Do you have a bill of sale for your computer? o do have a bill but the case is about the other thing the same from that purchase
- 2, The XP Home CD; did it come with the computer? win 98se came with my compter wnet i got it so i purchase a xp home upgrade
- 3, Is the CD an official copy (with Microsoft laser engraved Icon) yes it has the light change cd on top and it has microsoft genuine with same dancing color, and hard to read with my eyes
- 4, Is your computer a Dell? (Dells have a hidden partition to help no my compter was and s till s a put together one part at a time so to speak, it belong to no one co reinstall the OS)
- 5, Did you lend your CD to nay friends or family or acquaintances? no my Cd never left my room, and i never lent it to any one, and why did there reactivate it the other day fri july 8, but then i did not have 2 option in start up either  
This should be a good start for now.  
Once you answer these troubleshooting questions. I may have to ask more depending on your answer.

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