

# Re: Hard Drive Partition

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Like John said..judging by your list XP will have those drivers.  
All other programs will need installing.  
So to sum up.....  
Go online and download SP2 and burn it to a CD.....then start your  
reinstall process  
disconnect from the net.....physically unplug  
insert the Recovery CD and start system  
let it format the HD and then install XP as a new install  
Check to make sure it all works.....do not connect to the NET  
Install SP2.....check to make sure it works  
install anti virus.....firewall if you have it  
Now install that driver/software package from your Internet Provider and re  
setup your account..dont forget email  
Then connect to the net and update your Seanix drivers first  
Restart and check  
Then connect to XP update and install updates.....high priority only  
hardware updates should be downloaded from manufacturers website  
Then reinstall all of your software and saved files  
good luck  
you know where to find us  
peter

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"Those are my principles. If you don't like them I have others."  
"Yvonne" <khari\_072@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Hi Peter, Ken and John,

Thank you for your patience in this – I'm trying to learn something  
completely new to me.

I believe I can download the drivers for the motherboard (INF, USB),  
Network/Sound/Video Card and a BIOS update from Seanix by entering in the  
serial # of my system. I presume that these are what you are talking  
about Peter?

Will any of the system devices be affected by a reformat (a complete

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wipe-out of the hard drive)? Eg: the MS Management BIOS Driver, Intel(R) 82801EB LPC Interface Controller – 24D0, Intel(R) 82865G/PE/P Processor to IO Controller – 2570, System CMOS, PCI Bus?

I don't know if this will help any, but I thought that perhaps it might help if I make a list of what I have / don't have for software and details of my system.

Here's what I have in my possession at the moment:

1. Seanix Win XP Home Recovery CD SP1
2. LG BHA (B's Recorder Gold/B's Clip/neo DVD/DVD RAM Driver/Acrobat Reader) – not sure if I need this CD or not
3. Cyberlink Power DVD XP (not sure if I need this CD or not)
4. Software for installation of my cable internet connection and modem
5. Misc software for things like webcam, Word, my printer

My monitor is an LCD plug and play Extreme monitor  
HID-compliant Microsoft Optical mouse (no software)  
MS PS/2 Keyboard (Intellitype Pro) (no software)  
3.5 Floppy Drive (no software)  
Logitech QuickCam Pro 4000 (plus software)  
I have a Zip 250 drive and associated software  
An internal US Robotics v.92 Fax Win Int modem (which I no longer use)

Other details:

4 frontal USB drives  
ACPI Multiprocessor PC  
Display Adapter: Intel(R) 82865G Graphics Controller  
HL-DT-ST DVDROM GSA-4040B  
USB Human Interface Device  
Intel(R) 82801EB Ultra ATA Storage Controllers  
Primary and secondary IDE Channel  
Network Adaptor is: Intel(R) PRO/100 VE Network Connection located in:  
PCI Slot 2 (PCI bus 1, device 8, function 0)  
COM 1 & 2 and LPT 1  
Processor is: Intel(R) Pentium(R) 4 CPU 3.00GHz

Under the sound-video-game controllers is listed Realtek AC-97 Audio.  
Also listed are things like Audio and Video Codecs, MDU-401 Compatible MIDI Device (located on Intel(R) 82801EB LPC Interface Controller – 24D0), Standard Game Port, Media Control Devices, Legacy Audio Driver, Legacy Video Capture Devices (WDM Video for Windows Capture Driver (Win32)).

I think that's everything. Am I missing anything?

Yvonne

"peter" <peterk@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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Recovery disks work in two different ways depending upon the manufacturer most will wipe(format) the drive which erases everything and then install whatever is on the disk...the operating system definitely..other programs that where there when you purchased the machine maybe  
Any other disks that came with the machine??  
Do you have disks of the programs that you installed on the machine? you will need to reinstall what you want  
Do you have a drivers disk to install the sound/video/etc drivers that are on your machine??  
These can be downloaded from the manufacturer's website doing a search by model number  
peter

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So Ken, what I'm reading on your post is that if I have a recovery disk and I want to start from scratch, I can't do it because I don't have the entire Windows XP Home program?

I just posted the reason why I wanted to do a complete reformat (starting with a clean slate) under this same topic. Do you see any reason there that would indicate it would be better for me to "repair Windows" than to go to all the trouble of reformatting the entire drive?

I had thought of using the System Restore but the help files says that there are only approx 3 weeks or so of information there. The computer is used everyday and the programs and registry deletion/amendments took place over an extended period of time – definitely longer than 3 weeks – more like the over the last year.

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Yvonne wrote:

How do I tell if my hard drive has a partition?

It does. If it didn't, you wouldn't be able to use it. A drive can't be used until it has at least one partition on it. To partition a drive is to create one or more partitions on it.

If you want to know whether you have more than one partition, you should be able to see all your partitions (except hidden ones) in My Computer or Windows Explorer. You will very likely see a partition called C: there, and you may also see others.

I've also heard that there could be hidden partitions. Is this true?

Yes. These are sometimes created by the larger OEMs; they put an image of Windows there, so you can restore from it if your original installation gets damaged. They do this instead of providing you a CD. It's very poor practice, as far as I'm concerned, since it leaves you up the creek without a paddle if the drive itself fails. Personally I want an installation CD for every computer I have running Windows, and would never choose to buy a computer that came with Windows preinstalled and just a hidden recovery partition.

If my hard drive is partitioned, can I reformat it

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without  
partitioning it?

Again, your hard drive *\*is\** partitioned. You actually format a partition, not the drive itself. You can reformat any or all of the partitions it has, if there are multiple, or the only partition, if there is just one.

Alternatively if you want to start completely from scratch, you can repartition (creating one or more partitions) *\*and\** format each partition you create. Normally the only reason to do this is if you want to change the existing partition structure.

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Ken Blake – Microsoft MVP Windows:  
Shell/User  
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