

Re: How to recover system after replacing motherboard?

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I have a similar situation only I'm changing MB and processors. To complicate matters I'm going from an Intel dual processor to an AMD Duo processor. In your opinion can I follow your advice as well or do I need to start from scratch?

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"AJR" wrote:

Replacing the motherboard does not present a problem. as it boots, will detect changes , if present, and load drivers or ask to read from an installation disk if one came with the board.

You may of may not be required to reactivate XP – that is no problem – activate over the phone if cannot do so over internet.

"DanTech" <DanTech@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:DA13B2B9-97A2-4A4C-8B3D-8FFCF204E443@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

What would I do? If the data on the hard drive is important, do what you can to make sure it's backed up.

Then, with Win XP install cd, boot to cd and do a repair install of Win XP (skip the first stop that gives you a repair option w/ recovery console; accept the second repair option at the install options screen). This should then find the drivers needed for the new motherboard AND keep the programs and data available for use.

I've used this method in the past and had success—and that was being brave as I didn't have the ability to backup the user data on the drive.

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Dan

"ken scharf" wrote:

I'm sure this question has been asked before. My wife's computer died after a nearby lightning strike. The motherboard is toast, but the hard disk is ok. I have replaced the motherboard with one that fit in the case but is NOT the same as the old one (but somewhat similar in that it still uses an AMD cpu and a VIA chip set, though not the same ones as the original).

I have NOT yet tried to boot the system, though I have entered the bios and seen that the hard disk is detected as before with the old MB. I've been advised that I should

1: just let it boot and probably blue screen. Then re-install XP home. Since I don't have the original CD (Compaq/HP) and even if I did it wouldn't work since the original was a manufacturer specific OEM version, I would need to get a new generic OEM copy (or pay double for a boxed retail copy). I would then be able to do a "new install"/"repair" type operation and recover all my files and settings.

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2: DON'T try the above, install fresh to a NEW hard disk and then (somehow) copy my data files, programs, and settings from the old disk (as a slave) to the new.

3: (Hybrid) Do 2, copy all user data and programs (maybe the entire disk under a new folder on the new drive, then restrap the drives to swap them around, then try 1. I now have a back up of the original drive on the new drive just in case.

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Opinion on this seems to be split on various forums. What is the recommended procedure here?