

Re: XP startup problem; won't start

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- *From:* "SG" <nomail@xxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Tue, 11 Dec 2007 07:13:58 -0500
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Hi,

You most likely didn't type the commands correctly.

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copy c:\windows\system32\config\system c:\windows\tmp\system.bak
```

Note the spaces in the above line....

After typing Copy press your space bar 1 time

Now type: c:\windows\system32\config\system

Press your space bar 1 time

Now type: c:\windows\tmp\system.bak

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All the best,

SG

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"Durga" <Durga@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:5639F0D7-9588-4ABA-8509-63D0107F77E4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hi Ramesh,

My XP machine could not recover from an abnormal shutdown.

XP installation on my computer is of Windows XP professional edition (with SP2). System partition is on NTFS.

Few days back, UPS failed when system was shutting down. An abnormal shutdown case. From then on, system booting fails with below message:

Windows XP could not start because the following file is missing or corrupt:

```
\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CONFIG\SYSTEM
```

To recover my system, I searched on NET and found this link.

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/307545/en-us>

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I tried the procedure described in that link. But, I could not complete Part One itself.

In part one:

1. Booted WinXp installation CD
2. Typed 'R' to get recovery console
3. I don't have dual-boot, I selected c:\windows as the installation to access from the recovery console
4. Here, I was not asked to enter password for any user. It just gave me recovery console command prompt.
5. I am able to create tmp directory under c:\windows using "md tmp" command

But, copying "system" file to "tmp" directory failed with the message: "could not copy file"

Because of this problem I could not complete the procedure described in the link.

Why my recovery console is not asking password?
Why I am not able to copy the files into tmp directory, while I was able to create the directory?

Please help me in recovering my system.

durgarao

"Ramesh, MS-MVP" wrote:

You can rebuild the boot.ini file using the BOOTCFG command (using the "/rebuild" parameter). Check here:

<http://www.google.com/search?q=bootcfg%20rebuild%20xp+site:support.microsoft.com>

and

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/314477>

More information

BOOTCFG

Use this command for boot configuration and recovery. This command has the following options:

bootcfg /add

bootcfg /rebuild

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```
bootcfg /scan
bootcfg /list
bootcfg /disablereirect
bootcfg /redirect [portbaudrate] | [useBiosSettings]
```

Examples:

```
bootcfg /redirect com1 115200
bootcfg /redirect useBiosSettings
```

You can use the following options:

/add : Adds a Windows installation to the boot menu list.
/rebuild : Iterates through all Windows installations so that you can specify which installations to add.
/scan : Scans all disks for Windows installations and displays the results so that you can specify which installations to add.
/default : Sets the default boot entry.
/list : Lists the entries already in the boot menu list.
/disablereirect : Disables redirection in the boot loader.
/redirect : Enables redirection in the boot loader, with the specified configuration.

Description of the Windows XP Recovery Console:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/314058>

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Regards,

Ramesh Srinivasan, Microsoft MVP [Windows Shell/User]
Windows® Troubleshooting <http://www.winhelponline.com>

"zeotch" <zeotch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:3E7F1F8A-DC42-4E0F-8A64-59F9A83EFF4F@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I get the following message when I try to boot up my computer:

```
"Invalid BOOT.INI file
Booting from C:\windows\"
```

```
"Windows could not start because the following file is missing or corrupt
<windows root>system32.hal.dll
Please reinstall a copy of above file"
```

How do I reinstall a copy of the file? I put my Windows XP disc in, but it would not install. Is this fixable? Let me know.

Thanks in advance.

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