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Hello,

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*>>> Working mainly under Vista * ; apart from * installing XP * ,
what
other system was also on it ?

Ubuntu

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What you are saying is that you took a computer that was in
use by multiple

people and without a backup plan – decided you would install an
additional
OS onto it in hopes you could dual boot?

dual boot? no, triple boot yes. Don't laugh at me please.

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Can you be VERY specific about how you carried out the
dual boot setup given

the machine started with Windows Vista and you wanted to add Windows
XP?

Step-by-step of what you have done – from before the moment you ver
put a
Windows XP CD in the PC... Also be very specific with the hardware in
question (what you have, how old it is, etc.)

Step by step :

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Vista was preinstalled I think (Dell XPS 400), I don't know if there is any Vista Dvd with it..

Step by step, (my purpose is to install Oracle Financial as I have more than enough RAM and HD space on this machine than on my laptop). Earlier, Vista was working, I installed Ubuntu for no specific reasons... Later (yesterday) I installed XP, at first, I made a new partition from the shrink function in the disk management partition menu in Vista but I couldn't format it (later in Ubuntu gparted tool, it said I had reached the 3 or 4 primary partitions limit). Before the gparted assertion, I had tried to install Xp from launching Xp Cd but it wouldn't install nor format the partition. (I think that's the order events went on...). So I decided to use gparted in Ubuntu.

I went on Ubuntu with the live cd and I deleted the primary partition where Ubuntu sits and split it in 4 other partitions so they could include both Ubuntu and Windows XP... another partition for swap and home directory... To be honest after making hd partition change and just one step before processing installation, Ubuntu displayed a warning message something like the cylinder 3 or 4 would'nt be compatible with other operation system on the disk but I had the option to go on so I went on (I know here must reside my stupidity... I should have asked before...).

And now in Grub at start up, Vista system boot is displayed in the bottom of the grub list but when choosing this I boot automaticly on Windows Xp.

I still can access Vista Hd from Xp and all file systems.

Does this help to have Vista back when booting? Best would be Vista alongside Xp.

Pascal

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