

Re: Disk Management fails in changing C/[a]-driveletters

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Other than 'WOS-up'? is there a question in your convoluted post? From what I can decipher you are trying to change the drive letter onto which Windows is installed, you cannot do that, if you want Windows on a different drive letter you will have to reinstall it. You can have more than one Windows installation on a computer and have each installation on its own C:\ drive, you just have to take appropriate measures to ensure that the partition onto which you want to install Windows is the first active partition enumerated by the Windows setup program. After Windows is installed you can assign the active status to another partition if you want.

For all it's worth, the drive letter onto which Windows is installed doesn't make much of a hill of beans of difference. It will only make a difference if you try to install old applications that absolutely want to be installed on C:, there are few applications who require that nowadays.

John

A CP/M to XP/P-traveller wrote:

Hi, et al!

In the home computer of a colleague, his Ms Office 2003 failed in updating to SP3 and the suggested solution from Ms Update Support seemed to hazardous to use --- as in registry tweaking.

So, not even trusting the Ms Backup --- by experience, making a partition copy of the original system partition, we hw-switched the first to a second IDE-disk and vice-versa. Making use of the now larger primary disk, we booted the copied system-partition as system disk and thereafter tried using the Disk Management-tool to change drive letters, failing on the same Office SP3 Update shutdown-problem as the previous system partition did --- all according to Murphy's Law.

So, using Symantec/Norton Partiton Magic 8.0 we made room for a new WXPP-install on the now primary IDE-disk and then tried both Ms Disk Management and Partition Magic 8.0 to change drive letters in the fresh install, hoping to have the new WXPP-installation as a new C-drive. Failing, of course: The non-changeable and failing original install meddled and decided it was 'King-of-the-hill' as a C-drive.

Situation: My colleague will not accept the current drive letter assignment by Ms Windows ---

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rightly expecting future problems. He doesn't accept removing the original partition until the now primary and system partition works as a fully installed and upgraded C-drive. Again, he doesn't trust Ms Backup.

Recently, I activated his brand new Thinkpad T60 Vista Business, hoping moving data files over would enable a thoroughly clean install on his home PC. But, he won't keep any home data on that computer -- again, all according to Murphy's Law.

A pointer: Both my colleague and I advice others as professionals about OS's and business solutions and we've never seen anything like this -- me even having a MCP in a now distant WOS.

Any suggestions or should I ask 'WOS-up'?