

Re: Reverting from Vista to XP

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On Thu, 3 Apr 2008 16:01:01 -0700, CRD2.0 <CRD2.0@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I upgraded XP to Vista and it didn't work. So I did a clean install, lost everything that was on XP and spent the next couple of days trying to get Vista to work (It would intermittently hang on everything from opening email, explorer, to trying to get the maintenance program working, to finally not even reading off the DVD/CD burner at all). So I tried to do a clean XP re-install (Windows XP logo certified OEM disk), by deleting and creating a new partition. The hard-drive is a single WD 250 GB in SATA configuration. The partition would only see it as a 130 GB drive. After reading all the other posts I could find, I'm hoping that when SP1 gets installed - it will recognize the harddrive as being 250 GB (but I can't get there yet). After the partition is formatted, and the computer reboots, the Windows splash logo comes up, then BSOD. Tried deleting/creating partition again (several times, both quick and long methods). Did the "chkdsk" several times - no problems found.

I don't have any floppy disks to be able to load any drivers when asked (can they even be bought still?). I went into the BIOS, tried changing the order of boot disks so it would read the CD before the C drive, but no change, still crashed after the splash screen. Then on my latest attempt, went into the recovery console - changed to c:\ directory and formatted the c: drive. Did a long partition format (still only 130 GB), system reboot and BSOD after Windows' splash screen. I'm at wits end. Remember, I had WinXP on this exact harddrive and hardware setup before trying out Vista. I'm no computer expert, though I tried to follow several of the links posted on issues similar, but where do I go from here? Plus I would like to get my money back on the Vista upgrade disk - anyone else able to return their purchased upgrade disk after being opened?

Re: the 130GB

Start/run/regedit
(if unsure export registry for safety)
select HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE
navigate to system/services/atapi/parameters or

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system/currentcontrolset/services/atapi/parameters
right click for new
Select Dword name it EnableBigLba (take note of case)
set value to 1
end regedit
reboot

Even with XP – I have had to do it

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