

Re: Reverting from Vista to XP

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I successfully created the slipstream disk and WinXP installed on the first try. I installed all the updates and such from MS and then onto the various programs I use were put back in. Then I had the computer locking up again.

I think its due to the DVD/CD drive, though why it would load disks no problem, then suddenly freeze every time thereafter is beyond me. Computer seems ok as long as I don't try to access the DVD/CD drive. I thought I'd try to install the IOLO – System Mechanic and see if there are Registry problems, but I can't even access the drive without the computer locking up. I went to the LG website, installed the updated firmware for it (ver 1.05) and reboot. Still would freeze up. CTRL-ALT-DEL then end process, the whole windows task bar and icons disappear (background stays, though) and I'd have to soft-reboot. I tried removing the last couple of programs I installed thinking they affected it but to no avail. I do have MCAFEE's Virus Scan Plus installed – would this be a factor?

"CRD2.0" wrote:

I think the only problem I'm going to face is the fact that the burner is in the computer in question. Good thing I have the kid's computer to back me up. I'll have to swap the burner over so I do this slipstream thing.

I'll keep all updated on progress.

"JS" wrote:

From the look of your motherboard specs it looks like a very recent design, so the BIOS should not be an issue. You will however need to create a slipstreamed version of your original Windows CD so that it incorporates Windows XP SP2. Once you create this CD use it to do a fresh/clean install of Windows.

For creating this CD I Use AutoStreamer, it easy to use and for the most part self explanatory
Auto Streamer Download Site:

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<http://fileforum.betanews.com/detail/1092632287/1>

Windows SP2 Download

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=049c9dbe-3b8e-4f30-8245-9e368d3c>

How to get a free SP2 CD.

http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/downloads/updates/sp2/cdorder/en_us/default.msp

Create a Slip Stream version of Windows XP

<http://www.webtree.ca/windowsxp/slipstream.htm>

http://www.theeldergeek.com/slipstreamed_xpsp2_cd.htm

JS

"JS" <@> wrote in message

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It sounds like your PC's BIOS does not support 48Bit LBA.
Check the vendor for availability of a BIOS update.
You will also need SP1 or SP2 for Windows XP to support
drives larger than
137GB.

48Bit LBA Info:

<http://www.48bitlba.com/winxp.htm>

Also see MS article:

How to enable 48-bit Logical Block Addressing support for
ATAPI disk
drives in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:303013&Product=winxp>

JS

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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

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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

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Vista
upgrade disk – anyone else able to return
their purchased upgrade disk
after
being opened?