

Re: Reinstallation erases all?

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That was the most important bit of information needed, why you kept this a secret until now is a mystery to me. Give us the before and after layout of your hard disks and partitions, and tell us where the operating systems are installed.

John

Anton wrote:

Correction: It all started with merging 2 NTFS part-s.....

"Anton" <nosp@xxxxx> skrev i meddelandet news:...

And those shall not be expanded?

I understand there are expanded and not expanded, possibel to copy.

Names in ini are for our id, perhaps fastdetect is missing?

<http://www.ubcd4win.com/downloads.htm> is taken down now.

It all started with merging 2 NTFS files over a bootsector with Part.

magic,

as use to restart automatic, but may need my passwords. I did this overnight, woke up and thought it was finished, shutting it off as perhaps should have been restarted instead.

XP stopped but W2k worked and should at least be possible to regain?

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I'm not sure what you mean, the floppy diskette will only

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contain 3

files:

boot.ini
NTDETECT.com
ntldr

We don't know how many hard disks and partitions you have, by default Windows 2000 installs to the WINNT directory while Windows XP installs to the Windows directory, the boot.ini file should reflect that, perhaps you can try this for the boot.ini file:

```

=====
timeout=-1
default=multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(1)\WINDOWS
[operating systems]
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(1)\WINDOWS="XP First
harddisk, first
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(2)\WINDOWS="XP First
harddisk, second
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(1)partition(1)\WINDOWS="XP Second
harddisk, first
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(1)partition(2)\WINDOWS="XP Second
harddisk, second
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(1)\WINNT="W2K First
harddisk, first
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(2)\WINNT="W2K First
harddisk, second
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(1)partition(1)\WINNT="W2K Second
harddisk, first
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(1)partition(2)\WINNT="W2K Second
harddisk, second
partition" /fastdetect
=====

```

If you cannot boot any of the operating systems with that then you will have to use your installation cds and repair the installations.

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John

Anton wrote:

Its all there plus hal.dll.
Put expanded ones (renamed) on also?

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meddelandet
news:uIQZ0B9sIHA.1436@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

No. Put a all purpose
boot.ini file on the diskette,
like the one on
Bart's site:

```
=====
[boot loader]

timeout=-1
default=multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(1)\WINDOWS
[operating systems]
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(1)\WINDOWS="First
harddisk, first
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(2)\WINDOWS="First
harddisk, second
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(3)\WINDOWS="First
harddisk, third
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(4)\WINDOWS="First
harddisk, fourth
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(1)partition(1)\WINDOWS="Second
harddisk, first
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(1)partition(2)\WINDOWS="Second
harddisk, second
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(1)partition(3)\WINDOWS="Second
harddisk, third
partition" /fastdetect
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(1)partition(4)\WINDOWS="Second
harddisk, fourth
```

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partition" /fastdetect

John

Anton wrote:

PS
XP got SP2
and are on
NTFS if it
makes any
diff. W2 are
on FAT.

"Anton"
<nosp@xxxxx>
skrev i
meddelandet
news:...

First
in
the
broken
PC
via
CD
and
R,
now
it
worked
a
little
better

and

simpler
on
a
working

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PC.

Without
starting
disk
"NTLDR
missing"
With
-:-
hal.dll
missing
on
all
but
not
XP,
it
started
on
second
but

stopped

at
the
XP
logo.
Last
working
still
wrong
I/O.
Now
I'll
try
to
implement
the
missing
ones
the
new
way.

"John
John

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(MVP)"

<audetweld@xxxxxxxxxxx>

skrev

i

meddelandet

news:ugA1Tb7sIHA.1436@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

How
are
you
trying
to
copy
the
files?
From
which
operating
system

are

you
trying
to
do
this?
Just
navigate
to
the
i386
directory
on
the
Windows
XP
cd
and
copy
them
to
the
floppy
diskette.

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John

Anton
wrote:

Access
denied.

"John
John
(MVP)"
<audetweld@xxxxxxxxxxx>
skrev
i
meddelandet
news:#0mtzi5sIHA.4476@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

copy
x:\i386\ntdetect.com
a:
copy
x:\i386\ntldr
a:

X
is
the
drive
letter
of
the
CD-ROM.

John

Anton
wrote:

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Those
files
are
only
in
XP
as
Sp's,
otherwise
in
W2,
as
found
in

3

other

PC's.
Now
I'll
try
on
the
XP
CD
but
where?

W2
didnt
start
to
my
surprise.

"John
John
(MVP)"
<audetweld@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
skrev
i
meddelandet
news:ecZTnx2sIHA.1220@x

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You
MUST
use
the
Windows
XP
version
of
the
files
ntldr
and
NTDETECT.COM,
extract
them
from
the
Windows
XP
cd.
As

mentioned

in

another
post
the
Windows
2000
version
of
these
files
cannot

boot

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Windows
XP.

Does
your
Windows
2000
installation
now
boot
properly?

John

Anton
wrote:

Windows
XP
version
of
the
ntldr
&
NTDETECT
files
are?

I
used
those
from
w2k,
it
started
but
didnt
work:
"Previous

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working

OS

I/O

fault
at
use
of
startsector
s.."
Otherwise
on
first
its
ntoskrln
missing,
second
w32
conf
sys,

the

rest

ntoskrln.
This
or
similar
will
be
next

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<http://www.softpedia.com/get/System/Boot->

or

I'll

try
bootfix
mbr
and
cfg
again
when
active
now
is
changed.
Last

I'll

run

over

W2000
on
C
if

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nothing
better
turns
up.

Moving
the
disk
over
as
slave
and
then
transfer
what
I
need

didnt

work

last

time,
some
things
couldnt
be
found
but
got
back
when
OS
was

repaired.

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"Anton"
<nosp@xxx
skrev
i
meddelandet
news:OKGr

First
part
ok.

Cop
from
XP
even
if
its
start
with
W2k
on
C?

"Joh
John
(MV
<auc
skre
i
med
new

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diskette

and

on

the

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tools

like

diskette

to

use

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the

create

the

NT

boot

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you

format

it

Windows

2000/XP.

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meddelandet

Re: Reinstallation erases all?

nothing

worked,

add

confusion

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original

hal.dll

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is

a

of

Windows

XP

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boot

disk

that

hal.dll

Re: Reinstallation erases all?

is

is

the

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Active

Re: Reinstallation erases all?

meddelandet

Re: Reinstallation erases all?

we

don't

know

Active

(system)

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typical

Microsoft

Active

(System)

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NTDETECT.COM

&

ntldr

will

NTDETECT.COM

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&

ntldr

version

of

those