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Just remember, if you are starting over, try partitioning your large Hard Drive. I don't have Windows XP Home Edition on any Hard Drive as C:\, I have it installed as E:\ and G:\ on this computer. Partition / Drive C: actually holds the Boot information, where you will find the Boot.ini file. Each time, you make a change, the working Boot.ini is renamed Boot.ini.saved.

This is a normal working Boot.ini Configuration File on my system:

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[boot loader]
timeout=6
default=multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(2)\WINDOWS
[operating systems]
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(2)\WINDOWS="Microsoft Windows XP
Home
Edition E" /fastdetect /NoExecute=OptOut
multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(4)\WINDOWS="Microsoft Windows XP
Home
Edition G" /fastdetect
```

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thecreator

"CF" <CF@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:AFB46FF1-C6C9-4345-AFDD-835147ACE1B2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hello thecreator,

I apologize about taking a two week hiatus before tackling these PC issues. I have good news. After clearing the CMOS bios and using only one connected hard drive, I re-installed XP using the regular format & not quick format. I now have a working system. I was able to re-connect what was originally the primary HD, but is now the 'E' drive. The CD-ROM is the 'D' drive. If you remember, the current 'E' drive was the drive originally reporting the 'NTLDR file missing' messages. After doing a quick search on boot.ini, XP could not find it(I probably need to

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click the option which allows me to show hidden files). I will retrieve the output of the defective drive's boot.ini & display them to you. At this point I am thinking of trying to copy the boot.ini from the working 'C' drive to the 'E' drive, swapping the cables between 'C' & 'E' & going for broke. Otherwise you can expect the output from the bad boot.ini

Regards,
CF

"CF" wrote:

Hello thecreator,

Thanks very much for helping. As it turns out, this motherboard by Soyo has 2 internal controllers, so each HD can be master in its respective controller, but controller 2 can never own the "C" drive. When I installed XP on the "D" drive, it gave messages that it successfully installed but I never got past the "Verifying DMI Pool data" message followed by YoYo(unreadable) machine language. So I will disconnect the good drive, connect the 2nd drive to primary controller, & reinstall XP on the drive, but this time the 2nd drive will be the "C" drive when I do the install. Even before I install, I will disconnect primary HD & make secondary HD "C" drive & reboot, I may get lucky. I could sure use some luck just about now, But at least I have a plan, I will keep you posted, I will be working on this throughout weekend, so you

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can lookout for updates from me during weekend.

Regards,

CF

"thecreator" wrote:

Hi CF,

I found this link on the

Web:

<http://www.duxcw.com/faq/computer/dmi.html>

Remove all CDs from the CD Drives and see what happens.

Also Clear Computer BIOS, by following the motherboard's manufacturer's procedure for resetting the Computer BIOS and see what happens.

You will need to manually readjust the settings you were using to boot to a specific Hard Drive.

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thecreator

"CF"

<CF@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

<news:BD664DA6-9404-4642-B88E-45A64CBA8FF1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello the creator,

I am really at a loss here, running into more unexpected

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complications.
After
re-installing
XP on the
spare HD,
Windows
will still not
boot
up. I
get
"Verifying
DMI Pool
data"
message
followed by
"type any
key to boot
from
CD".
Normally I
don't type
anything at
that point so
Windows
will boot up
from
HD
after CD
installation.
But instead,
I get
"YoYo"(this
is the
unreadable
stuff
I mentioned
previously).
Also
different
parts of the
ROMBIOS
screen
change
color. The
last time I
experienced
this I wrote
the HD off,
obtained
another HD
& installed

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XP,
which
brings me
to my
present
situation.
So the only
option I
have is
the
following:
Take the
good HD
out of the
machine &
put it into
another
machine,
copy
the
data I want
to keep &
open the
boot.ini file
so I can
forward to
you
for
review.

If the
boot.ini is
repairable, I
will do the
necessary
changes, put
HD
back
in problem
machine &
try to
reboot. By
the way, I
am also
getting the
"YoYo"
phenomenon
when I try
to boot
from good
HD. If

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booting
from good
HD
still
fails, I will
format &
install XP
& hope for
the
best(since I
copied
the
data
from this
HD into
another
machine). I
think I am
on the verge
of
getting
rid
of this
machine(at
least the
motherboard
which gave
me at least
7
years).

Any
Thoughts?
Regards,
CF

"CF" wrote:

Hi
thecreator,
Thanks
for
the
input.
I
will
install
Windows
on
the

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2nd
HD.
Once
re-installed,
I
will
be
able
to
access
the
main
HD.
I
will
also
retrive
the
contents
of
the
main
HD's
Boot.ini
&
pass
it
along
to
you
for
further
assistance.
Stay
tuned,
Regards,
CF

"thecreator"
wrote:

Hi
CF,

Thanks
for
getting
back
to
me.

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One
way
to
dual-boot
is
to
use
Rombios
to
select
the
Hard
Drive
to
boot
to.
Another
way,
is
to
use
BootIt
NG
program,
that
you
can
buy
or
use
for
30
days,
then
uninstall
and
reinstall
the
program.

<http://www.terabyteunlimited.com/index.htm>

and
download
from:

<http://www.terabyteunlimited.com/bootit-next-gener>

If
you
have

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access
to
another
operating
system
on
the
same
computer,
then
use
Explore
to
access
the
C:\
partition
on
that
problem
Hard
Drive
and
edit
Boot.ini

.
Sometimes
Boot.ini
gets
changed
and
points
to
a
different
partition,
resulting
in
missing
files
error.

Also
for
Automatic
Updates
to
work,
the
following
must

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be
set
correctly
in
Services:
Automatic
Updates
Set
to
Automatic
Background
Intelligent
Transfer
Service
Set
to
Automatic
or
Manual
Event
Log
Set
to
Automatic

--
thecreator

"CF"
<CF@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
news:BE10F66D-A01C-42D6-B4C9-71BDB6332

Hello
thecreator,

I
am
using
Drive
C:
and
there
is
no
dual
reboot.

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Although
I
have
2
HD's,
I
have
to
go
into
rombios
to
choose
which
HD
to
boot
from.
The
reason
I
have
2
HD's
is
because
I
thought
the
first
HD
was
bad,
resulting
in
the
acquisition
of
a
2nd
HD.
I
also
tried
some
more
commands
last
night
with
no

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success(mbscan,
mblast,
mbrebuild)
I
could
be
saying
them
incorrectly
but
you
get
the
idea.
I
also
confirmed
my
windows
XP
Pro
CD
is
inclusive
of
SP2.
Each
time
Windows
is
installed,
I
always
turn
on
automatic
updates.
Apparently
no
one
seems
to
be
buying
into
my
theory
of
bad
memory
as

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the
cause.
I
will
replace
the
memory
before
any
further
attempts
at
this
machine,
so
there
is
time
&
I
am
open
to
suggestions.
At
this
point,
the
last
message
I
get
is
"Verifying
DMI
Pool
data"
followed
by
~~~~~(unreadable  
words)  
The  
unreadable  
words  
are  
a  
result  
of  
doing  
the  
FixMbr

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&  
fixboot  
commands.  
Prior  
to  
my  
running  
these  
commands,  
the  
original  
problem  
was  
the  
NTLDR  
file  
missing  
message.  
Anything  
you  
can  
suggest  
would  
be  
greatly  
appreciated.  
Regards,  
CF

"thecreator"  
wrote:

Hi  
CF,

What  
is  
the  
operating  
system's  
Drive  
Letter?  
Is  
it  
C:\?  
Are  
you  
dual-booting?



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did  
the  
following:  
delete  
&  
create  
a  
new  
master  
boot  
record(FIXMBR  
&  
FIXBOOT)  
None  
of  
these  
things  
worked.  
So  
I  
went  
to  
Windows  
Install  
CD,  
chose  
option  
to  
re-install  
windows  
over  
itself,  
&  
now  
I  
get  
message  
with  
some  
kind  
of  
unreadable  
notation  
like  
the  
infinity  
sign.