

## Re: DOES XP Pro require start-up discs be made?

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hate to ask, but how does one "set BIOS?"

Yes, I'm planning on "an ext. hd" now – but thought my DVD RW would also make DVDs (it doesn't seem to want to take files transferred for b/u) ...

I have XP Pro installed – since 2006 – and did suggest not to partition my hard drive, then; however, now it's becoming a chore (with my backed up eml etc).

re #2, I'm not sure what to put in the folder that contains all My Documents, music, and jpegs, etc. (IOW, primary daily files).

Re #1, I may be misinterpreting your paragraph ... if so, sorry ...

Thank you.

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\*~Laughingstar~\* wrote:

I just thought about the prior habit of creating a Start-Up disk, but don't recall having to do it with XP Pro (in 2006 – new computer system). Then, MS had to re-format my HD (!!! ya, I know) shortly after the computer was purchased, and the tech in India did not segment it at all. So now I'm faced with miseries when I back-up each time (trying to address that now).

1) The Windows XP installation media is bootable (set your BIOS to boot from CD drive first) and contains everything you need to install Windows XP.

2) It's known as 'partitioning' – and is usually unnecessary. It \*may\* make the selection of what to backup simpler – but so does plain old 'organization and selection of what to backup'...

3) You may want to consider an external hard disk drive both for file

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backups and a full image backup of the entire installation for quick and easy rebuild.

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