

Re: Fixing XP corrupt file

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Hey Nass

Well I suspect that something bigger is going on than just a corrupted file. I was trying to do a repair using the CD's (XP Home fyi) and ended up loading a new windows to another drive. So in looking at removing the mess up I've found that the C drive doesn't register that Windows is even installed. It's like it's completely gone. I've reached the point where I think I've messed this poor thing up enough and I am just going to buy either a new CPU or just buy a replacement hard drive and load XP on it. I can't believe I screwed this up so bad!

"nass" wrote:

Can you please perform these steps and let us know the outcome:
Start the machine and Press F8 consecutively to get the boot options and select Safe Mode are you able to boot into safe Mode?
Try again and see Last Good known Config- does it work?
What happen if you typed in the recovery Consol this command:
CD repair
This will take you into the "repair" folder then type:
dir /p
This command will list the repair directory can you see these Subfolders:
Software
System
Do they listed there?

= Another what happen if you typed this command instead:
copy C:\WINDOWS\repair\system.bak C:\windows\system32\config\system

Here the same issue like yours please read and see if one of the steps will help:

<http://forums.microsoft.com/EmbeddedWindows/ShowPost.aspx?PostID=2405356&SiteID=47>

<Q from the above>

Try to continue with the rest of the commands and reboot your machine and see if it willtake you to the Logon window.

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</Q>

Does the CD Home Edition or XP Pro?

= My guess is your HDD having Bad sectors or may be going bad, so try to health test your hard drive with the diagnostic tools from your HDD manufacturer Website.

"SusanCA" wrote:

Clark

i've got the disc and i've made it as far as the copy
c:\windows\repair\system part. When I hit enter after that command I get
system cannot find the file specified. Ideas?

Thanks for the help!

"Clark" wrote:

nass wrote:

Note You will need a CD the same Specs as
your Operating system.
You can call Best Buy and get a recovery
CD to repair the System by
following the instructions being given earlier
on the KB.

Nass, why would anyone order from Best Buy when they
could order the CD
directly from the manufacturer ?
HP, Dell, etc, all offer a replacement CD for only \$20.00 or
so.
And what the heck is the same specs as your OS? same
version same type ?
for instance if you had a Dell disk OEM XPsp1 you still can
do a full repair
install with an OEM XPsp2 as long as you keep with the
proper type,
I, E, Home, Pro, Media, or Pro Corp

Clark..

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Also you can Hook the Hard Drive as Slave
to another PC and Rescue
the data you want then Reinstall or Repair to
be safe.

HTH.

nass

<http://www.nasstec.co.uk>

"SusanCA" wrote:

thank you thank you. I have
a friend who has the CD's
and I will
give this a try. Hopefully I
can get it booted so I can get
all my
photos and files if it is the
hard drive.

"Clark" wrote:

SusanCA
wrote:

OK
first
off
YES
I
am
one
of
those
who
didn't
do
a
recovery
disc
when
I
set
up
my
computer

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several
years
ago.

We
get
back
from
vacation
and
the
computer
refused
to
boot
saying
that
the
windows/system32/config
was
missing
or
corrupted.

If
I
buy
the
XP
discs
can
I
fix
the
error
and
get
the
system
to
boot
up
without
losing
the
files
and
photos
that
I
currently

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have
sitting
on
the
hard
drive>

First off the
hard drive
may be
dying on
you, but, try
this.....

It is easier
than it
looks... :-)
All you
need is an
OEM XP
disc, home I
assume, but
could be
Media
or Pro (to
do the
repair
function in
Console
you can use
any XP CD)
which is
different
than a repair
install.... by
the way..

if you have
a friend that
has a CD
that states
XP OEM ,
your all
set just
follow the
steps from
http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_sys32.htm

First enter
the recovery

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console,
depending
on your PC,
you need to
boot to your
CD, with
the XP disk
in it
this link has
a slide show
and text to
walk you
through it..

<http://pcsupport.about.com/od/fixtheproblem/ss/rconsole.htm>

In Recovery
Console,
change to
the
c:\Windows
folder.

Type cd
system32\config
, and then
press
ENTER.

Type dir
system , and
then press
ENTER.

If you
cannot run
the
preceding
command
successfully
(because the
file is
missing),
skip to step
3. If you
can run the
preceding
command
successfully,
type ren
system
system.bak ,
and then

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press
ENTER.

NOTE : If
the message
that you
received
referred to
the software
file, replace
"system"
with
"software"
in the
preceding
command.

For
example,
you would
type ren
software
software.bak
(instead of
ren system
system.bak
) , and then
press
ENTER.

Type copy
c:\windows\repair\system
, and then
press
ENTER.

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type copy
c:\windows\repair\software
(instead of
copy
c:\windows\repair\system
) , and then
press
ENTER.

You should
receive a
"One file
copied"
informational
message.
For
additional
information
about how
to use
Recovery
Console
during
startup,
click the
article
number
below to
view the
article in the
Microsoft
Knowledge
Base:
Q307654
HOW TO:
Install and
Use the
Recovery
Console for
Windows
XP

IMPORTANT
: If you
encounter
problems
when you
run the
preceding
commands,

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you may
need to use
the Change
Directory
command (
cd)
one folder
at a time
before you
run the
preceding
commands.
For
example,
type cd
system32 ,
press
ENTER,
type cd
config , and
then
press
ENTER.

Type exit ,
and then
press
ENTER to
quit
Recovery
Console and
restart the
computer.

Clark...

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the world?

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