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It is not wise to divide up your drive like that
and certainly a very bad idea to limit you system drive to only 6 gigs

assuming your data is all backed up

I'd delete all and start over...

You didn't really answer my question, but ...

I took the advice of a couple of tech articles that recommended
dividing it up like

that http://www.theeldergeek.com/hard_drives_02.htm:http://www.petri.co.il/install_windows_xp_pro.htm;

and microsoft as well:<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/896528/EN-US/>

So now why do you say NOT to?

Anyways, I found out what was going wrong.. I had put the CD in my CD/
DVD writer drive instead of my default CD drive. Once I switched it,
windows booted from the right drive and finished the installation. I'm
not sure why it would boot into the CD set up while it was in the
other drive tho and yet not finish using that drive.??

trixie

I just glanced at those links and yes...
they did give instructions on how it's possible to create several

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partitions...

but I did not see any place where they specifically recommended doing so.

Anyway:

There is no need to divide up your drive just for the sake of doing so.

The biggest problem is that there is a real danger in making the partition where your operating system is too small.

Since your applications and data are put there by default... you could quickly end up out of room.

Now, that said...if you have a drive that's over 200 gigs... maybe it will make things easier to divide it up a bit... but if you do so, I'd say to set the C: drive for at least 40 gigs or so

If all your data are currently backed up you'd basically have to boot with your XP cd, delete all the partitions and start over

Yeah, I'm going to start over I guess, before its too late to change it easily. There is no way to expand a partition in XP? My hd has 149 GB, not big really in today's market. So I thought I'd put it at 20 GB. That way, if some program requires install in the windows drive i'm covered.

To change the way your drive is partitioned non-destructively would require a third party utility such as Partition Magic..

If you do start over I'd still make the C: drive bigger than 20 gigs

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