

Re: WHERE IS THIS ELUSIVE "autoexec" FILE?

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Jim wrote:

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where is this elusive "autoexec" file?

background: had a BSOD in winXP pro SP2 (which made windows unbootable) and since i needed a larger hard drive, i formatted a new western digital 320MB drive and used their packaged utility to copy everything (except the corrupt windows folder) from my old drive onto the new WD320 drive. then i rebuilt winXP pro SP2 from the windows cd, onto the new hard drive.

now when i boot up, my old autoexec.bat file is definitely getting executed (i am 100 percent certain of that), but a search will not show me this autoexec file (either as autoexec.bat or autoexec.nt),

even though i have folder options set to show hidden files (and the "hide protected operating system files" is not checked) and also the search option to show hidden files (and search system folders and search subfolders). i have tried to find this file, even after booting to safe mode. xp will not show me the file!!!

SO, WHERE IS XP HIDING THIS AUTOEXEC FILE??? i need to edit it.

It is a hidden, system file. You can only view this file if you have turned off hidden files and turned off hiding of protected system files. On this computer, the size if C:\autoexec.bat is 0 bytes.

Jim

Blimey! if you look 7 lines up in the OP's post (which you quoted) he says he has turned off Hide protected System files and and set Show Hidden Files and Folders.

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