

Re: How do I solve this boot.ini problem with WinXP?

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And leave the CD in the drive until it completes the install, don't touch any keys when it goes to restart itself, it will do it automatically.

Jerry

"Jerry526" <jerry526@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Sorry, Microman,

I should have explained in more detail,
To start with a clean disk, you need to boot with the CD and in the install section you need to delete all existing partitions to clean the hard drive.
Then create the ones you want and format them in NTFS.
Continue with the install.

Good luck,
Jerry

I've read what you've written and am not sure to which part of the whole WinXP Setup cycle you're referring. I'm certainly booting to the XP CD initially, having changed the BIOS to do so. I'm finding that toward the end of the WinXP Setup, the PC reboots itself and that's where the XP splashscreen then appears. But then the screen goes blank and stays blank. I've then had no option but to power off. When I power the PC back on, I get the same result if I choose to go into WinXP. I've tried this last bit, leaving the CD in the drive and then not leaving the CD in the drive, but WinXP still refuses to boot. On the assumption that I'll finally manage to get XP to boot to screen, should I leave the XP CD in the drive until I'm specifically instructed by the Setup or Welcome to WinXP to remove it?

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John,

Having unmasked the system files in Folder Options, I yesterday tried to overwrite the ntldr file in my Win2K root folder but the system wouldn't let me do it. I got an error message saying it was a protected file. An example of the files I'm currently seeing in the Win2K partition are:

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NTDETECT.COM C:\
ntdetect.com C:\cmdcons
ntdetect.com C:\WINNT\$\NtServicePackUninstall$
ntdetect.com C:\WINNT\ServicePackFiles\i386
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So, this is why I'm wary of REPLACING ntdetect.com. There are similar folder nestings for the file ntldr. Maybe a distinction has to be made between REPLACING the existing file in the Win2K root or ADDING a new file? And are files that are in different cases (upper/lower) considered different, anyway? Do you see what I mean?