

Re: Can't delete partition

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It worked perfectly!!! Thanks for the help!

>-----Original Message-----

>On Fri, 20 Aug 2004 08:48:28 -0700, "Erik"

<erik@prp.com> wrote:

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>>I am trying to put XP Professional on a computer that has

>>2000 Pro on it. I want to do a clean install and wipe
>>off everything from the computer and start over with XP
>>Pro. In 2000 Pro, I would delete all of the partitions
>>during setup and then I would just have the one
>>installation. When I tried to do that this time, it
gave

>>me the comment "Setup is unable to perform the
requested

>>operation on the selected partition. This partition
>>contains temporary Setup files that are required to
>>complete the installation". Since it won't delete the
>>partition, I now have Windows 2000 Pro and XP Pro both
on

>>the computer. Is there any way to get rid of the 2000

>>Pro installation, and all of the files on that

>>installation, that I haven't tried? Thanks

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>The XP CD is bootable. You can use it to boot your
machine just like

>you would use a floppy to boot your system.

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>Start over, and use the XP CD to boot your computer:

>Go into the System Bios, and make sure that your first
boot device is

>the CD drive, then put the XP CD in the drive and turn
your machine

>off, then back on (don't forget to save your changes in
the BIOS

>before you leave the BIOS setup program).

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>*If you have correctly set the Boot sequence in the BIOS,*
you should
>*get a message telling you to press a key to boot from*
CD. QUICKLY
>*press a key (within 5 seconds or so. If you don't press*
a key in
>*time, any other installation of Windows will start. If*
this is the
>*case, just reboot your machine (press the "Reset" button*
if you have
>*one, other wise, turn it off, wait 30 seconds, then turn*
it back on),
>*and at the message, immediately press a key. Repeat*
this until you
>*get it right and the XP CD boots).*
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>*The XP installer will start. Once in the installer, you*
will be given
>*the option to delete current partitions, create new*
ones, format the
>*new partitions, and install XP. Read the setup*
instructions
>*carefully, and follow their directions.*
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>*This is the only way you will be able to recover the*
space taken up by
>*the Windows 2000 installation, and if you have by chance*
installed XP
>*on the same partition as Windows 2000, it is the only*
way you will be
>*able to unscramble the mess on your HD.*
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>*Don't forget to delete the partition containing Windows*
2000. In
>*fact, delete all partitions, then create a new one for*
XP, then format
>*it. Make sure you back up any files you don't want to*
lose, since
>*deleting the partitions will destroy all data on them.*
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>*Donald L McDaniel*
>*Keep the thread intact*
>*Post reply to original newsgroup*
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