

Re: Two WIN versions on same computer?

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"Bruce Chambers" wrote:

> Myrks wrote:

>> hi there!

>> I'm having lot's of problems on XP with applications that

>> worked fine on 98. (e.g. Autoexec.nt), I almost want to switch back to 98.

>> Is it possible to have both XP & 98 installed in the same time and choosing

>> which one to run each time you boot the computer? Thanks.

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> The simplest way I've found to dual boot between Win9x/Me and WinXP

> would be to partition your drive(s) roughly as follows:

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> C: Primary FAT32 Win9x/Me/Legacy Apps

> D: Extended NTFS WinXP/Modern Apps

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> Adjust the partition sizes according to your actual hard drive(s)

> size and the amount of space you'd like to allocate to each OS and its

> applications.

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> Create the partitions using Win9x's FDISK so you can enable large

> disk support (FAT32). (No need for 3rd party partitioning

> utilities/boot managers and their frequent complications.)

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> Install Win9x/Me first, being sure to select "C:\Windows" (or

> D:\Windows, if you prefer) when asked for the default Windows

> directory. When you subsequently install WinXP, be sure to specify

> "D:\Winnt" (or "D:\Windows," "C:\Winnt" as referred/applicable) when

> asked for the default Windows directory, to place it in the other

> partition. The WinXP installation routine will automatically set up a

> Multi-boot menu for you. The default settings for this menu can be

> readily edited from within WinXP. NOTE: If you elect to place

> Win9x/Me on the "D:" drive, you'll _have_ to leave the "C:" drive as

> FAT32.

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> This method can be adapted to using 2 physical hard drives by

> placing the boot partition (C:, which still must be FAT32) and either

> of the operating systems on the Primary Master hard drive, and the

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- > *second operating system on the second hard drive.*
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- > *It is also possible to have a 3rd partition for shared*
- > *applications, but it would be necessary for such a partition to be*
- > *formatted in the common file format (FAT32). The applications would*
- > *also have to be installed into each OS (to ensure proper system file*
- > *placement and registry updates), one at a time, but the bulk of the*
- > *program files could be located on this common partition. I do not,*
- > *however, actually recommend doing this as, if you were to uninstall*
- > *such an application from one OS, you may not be able to gracefully*
- > *uninstall it from the second OS, having already deleted crucial*
- > *installation data during the first uninstall action.*
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- > *Just about everything you need to know (URLs may wrap):*
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- > <http://support.microsoft.com/support/kb/articles/Q217/2/10.ASP>
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- > <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/using/howto/gettingstarted/multiboot.asp>

Will the WinXP boot manager really be found by the BIOS despite it not being in a primary partition?

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