

RE: New to XP and confused

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smoker are you looking up my trouble with sound where are you going to answer from i am new to this

"Smoker" wrote:

- > I'm having trouble getting used to XP. It's very slow at doing anything.
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- > I formatted a new hard drive and XP (OEM full version) had at least one
- > hiccup during the NTFS install. It didn't seem to behave correctly on the
- > desktop so I tried to reinstall it ontop of itself which wasn't any help.
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- > I decided to start over by reformatting C:\ and it deleted everything on my
- > primary slave D:\ drive! (In DOS mode or whatever, it was obviously C:\)
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- > Now when I boot I get asked which version I want to use... two XPs are
- > listed with identical names and they appear to act identical on the
- > desktop/operating environment regardless of which one I choose when I boot.
- > Except now one won't boot having lost <windows root>system32\hal.dll
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- > XP is using up 4GB of space even though I've installed no programs except
- > for small apps like AntiVir, Spybot, etc.
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- > I went to PC Pitstop and ran the full tests. It said my hard drive was
- > running about 1/3 of what it should and it was badly fragmentd. I defragged,
- > rebooted and that helped very little. When I click on something the mouse
- > cursor turns into the hourglass while I wait for a folder or anything else
- > to open. The video is goofy too, sometimes dripping down the screen and
- > taking awhile before bringing a window in the back to the front when it's
- > clicked on.
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- > MSCONFIG shows only 7 items starting up and I deleted a few Services:
- > Infrared Monitor, Task Scheduler, UPS, & Automatic Updates.
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- > The BIOS is the next most recent as the most recent one wouldn't let me
- > POST. I installed .NET Framework to get my video card drivers updated. My
- > hdd is in DMA 5 mode.
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- > Should I start over and how is that done without erasing everything on my

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- > other partitions? (I don't trust because it wiped out by D drive earlier
- > which was claimed to be C.) BTW, with only one hdd in now the sequence goes
- > C – E – F drives skipping the D drive that used to be there. Is that normal?
- > Trying to find help on Google was futile. Please give me some direction,
- > thanks.
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- > System:
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- > Win XP home SP2 OEM full version
- > ASrock K8 Combo-Z mobo
- > Athlon 64 3000 socket 939
- > 2x 256MB DDR 2100
- > Radeon 9550 128MB video
- > Enermax 431W PSU
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