

## Re: Computer won't boot from my iso image of Windows XP?

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- *From:* "Shenan Stanley" <[newshelper@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:newshelper@xxxxxxxxx)>
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psongman wrote:

Hi, I have spent the last 3 days trying every conceivable way to boot up the iso image of my Windows XP that I made and burned to CD. I have searched and googled but am not getting the results from any of those posts. I keep getting a this program cannot be run in DOS mode or this program must be run under WIN 32. Before I got Windows XP it used to run Win98SE. On the startup screens it seems to be reverting to WIN98 somehow though there is nothing on the hard drive. My processor is Pentium III 833 and my hard drive is a 40 gig Maxtor all formatted. So, please help me getting this resetup, as I want a clean install, none of the old stuff from the past 3 years on there, just fresh as I am going to use it just for recording some music. I had a computer tech here when my computer wouldn't install RoadRunner and I watched him, there are so many little keys to enter that the average guy doesn't know about to install devices or software on these computers. Anyway, hope you can help me. DD

Carey Frisch [MVP] wrote:

One cannot boot with an .ISO image of Windows XP. If you had an authentic, genuine version of Windows XP, that Windows XP CD is already bootable once you set your CD drive as the first bootable drive in the BIOS.

psongman wrote:

Hi, Ok, please don't take this negatively, but every and I mean every time I ask for help on the Internet, I always get either some answer that redirects what I asked or some foul reply. I asked why my iso of WinXP Pro Corp wouldn't boot when computer wasn't starting up. Now, if you try to tell me that you can't boot with an iso image of XP, well, then I have to tell you that your info is

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incorrect, it is being done every day of the week. I am asking is why won't the computer read the CD and set it up. I hope I didn't toe step, you all know about PE builder, right? Thanks for listening and assisting, DD

Windows XP Pro "Corp".  
That old pirated piece of crap still floating about?

If you mean your companies Windows XP Volume License Agreement installation CD – that's a different story.

You said "boot with burnt ISO". I have seen too many times someone take the "iso" file and burn it to CD like any other file – and expect it to work. I have yet to see (in this thread) that you have actually burned the image in the ISO to a CD (so that you can browse the CD and see more than one file – see the actual Windows XP installation files in the proper directory structure.)

ISOs don't normally "boot" in the Windows world. Unless you mean you are installing it on a Virtual PC (or some such environment) and you made this ISO image (using what method/application – might I ask?) so that you could redirect the Virtual PC (when booting) to boot from said ISO image (mounting it like a CD drive)?

Burned CDs from ISO images are no longer called "iso images" as they are now just CDs containing what the ISO image contained.. So you can see that your wording can be a bit confusing.

BartPE? Yeah – no problem using that here – but that is not really a supported Microsoft product. Works great for me – I have used it and the work of places like the Ultimate Windows Boot CD web site to make some really nice utility CDs/DVDs.

The problem with your original post (and this one) is that you assume we know what you are speaking of with very little information.

– You did not mention BartPE until later.

Knowing that..

– You mentioned that you were getting "this program cannot be run in DOS mode or this program must be run under WIN 32" <– that tells me your CD is not put together quite right. Either it was created with a bum boot image or somehow you edited some file wrong with a hex editor or somehow just put things in the wrong place.

I like to use Bart's Boot Image Extractor to get the boot image from the CD I am using (integrating/upgrading/making into BartPE, etc.)

What you need to let us in on is WHAT you are trying to accomplish, how you made this ISO, what is not happening that you expect to happen and what your

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level of expertise is when it comes to doing such things.

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