

Re: Failure during repair instalation

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Did this already. And the thing is, the drive is an EIDE so raid drivers shouldn't be a factor at all. The more I look, the more I'm seeing the problem is that while the motherboard can see and read/write to the Hard Drive, for some reason it refuses to boot from it – Which would make this not so much a Windows install problem as a Bios problem. Hmm...

Ok, this time I went into the bios, checked the setting for the Primary master (Which was disabled) and switched it to auto. The bios searched and found the drive, then I did a save and close. This time on rebooting the system took about thirty seconds looking for the Primary master, and then went into the standard boot procedure. I'm currently trying the windows install one more time, hopefully this time will work. If not, I'll be needing to investigate bios repair options. And joy of joy's, the system is the one where a year and half after replacing the motherboard, I discovered that the motherboard's floppy connection doesn't work.

Well, we'll see.

"Stephen" wrote:

erase the hard drive again and do the installation again, but this time when it reboots, don't press anything. also, be sure that you don't need any third party raid drivers. you can find this out by going to the motherboard manufacturer website and looking up the drivers on the board. the motherboard model should be on the motherboard itself.

"BrendanK" wrote:

Hmm ... No, that's pretty much exactly what I tried. The snag arose at step 15. I tried this several times. One time the system hung at the Press any key to reboot screen, and trying to reboot with the CD removed simply resulted in a message that the system couldn't boot at all. Another time the system simply went right into the CD bootup.

"DL" wrote:

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<http://michaelstevensstech.com/cleanxpinstall.html>

"BrendanK" <BrendanK@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

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Ok, my brother is curently using an old computer that was once my father's.

It's been running windows XP SP2 for some time. Thing is, this morning it suddenly stopped working and on rebooting couldn't find the copy of windows on the hard drive.

I tried using the windows disk to do a repair instilation of Windows, but the option wasn't available. Then I used the recovery console to try repairing the bootdata, it neither fixed the problem, nor made the Repair instilation available. At this point, I picked up a replacement hard drive and tried reinstalling Windows on it with the system disks (The computer was a build).

Initially there was some problems due to the KVM switch my brother was routing his keyboard through, but plugging the keyboard directly into the system fixed that problem and let me set windows to install on the new drive.

It formatted the drive, went through the full install bit, rebooted with the mention that it would continue the instilation on rebooting, but instead it booted from the disk and started over. Pulling the windows disk from the optical drive and rebooting brought up a message that the system couldn't find a boot device.

Anyways, I loaded the old hard drive into an external drive enclosure, and

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read it without troubles.

Any thoughts on where I might look to identify the problem so I can fix it?