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Hi David B:

Doubt that you will be back to this post to see this, but if you are, I received an identical replacement motherboard from Intel today and just finished installing it. It went just great. Plugged all the hard drives into the same connections as the old board and after all the other tiny little connections I turned it on. Glory be.....the computer works again. The only hitch was re-starting to re-set the clock in the bios and that was no problem. I was able to download all the latest Windows Updates with no problem. Hopefully that means I won't have to go thru a re-activation. Thanks a lot for all your assistance.

xiowan.....in tucson

"David B." wrote:

Try a thumb drive, they're cheap!

As far as the OEM license, Microsoft will likely not give you a problem reactivating on a new motherboard. If you get a replacement board with a similar chipset (and hard drive/RAID controller) you may not even have to do a repair install. If you get an identical replacement board you may not even have to reactivate.

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"xiowan" <xiowan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Hi again David B:

Whew.....that was a chore! Disconnected 6 Sata HDs and the IDE HD.

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Turned power on & inserted recovery CD. Turned off pc. Turned power back on

and turned on pc; cd drive lite came on but cd didn't update with the recovery bios! Don't think the bios even tried to copy the file; didn't hear the sound of a cd spinning. Went ahead and turned off power and replaced configuration jumper per intel instructions. Re-connected everything. Black screen.....nothing but the power lights for the pc and drives. No activity on HDs. The download site for intel bios for my motherboard said to copy the bios recovery to a floppy (if it would fit) or

to a cd. I did both in advance of the original bios update just in case. When it failed, tried to recover with the recovery floppy. Failed, so I tried the recovery cd. Failed.'

I have since checked the technical manual for the motherboard and it says recovery bios can only be used on a sata or ide cd drive or thumb drive! Floppy bios recovery is not supported for this newish board. Wonder if I screwed things up using the floppy recovery disk? I don't know why the motherboard download site for this specific motherboard tells you to use either floppy or cd when the technical manual specifically states that floppy

recover is not acceptable! What a mess!

I'm probably back to needing a new motherboard I guess. That means I still don't know the answer to the questions asked about a new O.S. in my first post lol! Thanks again for your help in any case.

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"David B." wrote:

As far as the boot order, did you leave the floppy and CD in the order,
just
place them after the hard drive? If so unplug the hard drive data cables,
maybe you'll be able to boot from your created recovery discs then.

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Hi All:

I have a really nice home-built pc with MCE2005 OS and today I attempted to update the bios with the latest Intel update. I have done this many times but this time after the update ran the computer was supposed to re-boot automatically and I wasn't to touch it for the "next 3 minutes".

Usually the computer comes back on and the update is installed from the hard drive to the bios and then Windows starts and a box pops up saying bios update successful.

Instead, the computer came back on but after 20 minutes I still had nothing on the display. Well, I turned it off and decided to try a bios

recovery floppy I had prepared just in case. Followed all Intel's procedures and

it didn't work. So, I then tried a bios recovery using a recovery cd I had already prepared. Didn't work either. Black Screen. It may be

because a few weeks ago I changed the bios boot order and moved the RAID 0 hard drives

to first in boot order to see if it would boot faster. It didn't. I

should have went back and put the cd drive first, floppy second as it was

before but I didn't. It appears the motherboard is now useless. I don't mind

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buying a new motherboard but I have the following questions:

1. Will I be able to use my current MCE2005 O.S. or have to buy a new one?

(They didn't have a retail version, only the OEM version)

2. If I can legally use the current OS and am unable to just move everything over to the new motherboard and have to re-install the O.S.

will I

be able to continue to access the content on all 7 hard drives?

(a) According to Tom's Hardware site you can move a RAID 0 O.S.

from

one Intel board to another and it will configure itself automatically.

The

drivers for the ICH8R and ICH9R are the same I guess.

(b) If necessary, I thot maybe I could just format the existing

RAID 0

system partition and re-install MCE2005 on the same partition thus

leaving

the other partitions and their content intact?

3. If EULA problems prevent re-use of the current MCE2005 license and

I

purchase a new MCE2005 or Vista Home Premium license will either or

both

OS's

be able to continue to access the content on the other RAID 0

partitions

and

also the other 5 hard drives in the pc?

(a) If required to buy a new OS, can I buy a full retail Vista

Home

Premium license and then use it as an upgrade to preserve access to all

the

current content? Or will a clean install allow access to all the

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partitions
on the RAID 0 drives and the other 5 drives?
I'm worried about Vista
denying
access to the recorded tv programs by saying
"content may not be viewed
on
this pc". This happened once when I moved
a tv movie from one pc to
another
even though the movie was listed as not
copy protected .

I'm sorry to go on at such length, but as you
see all these
alternatives
have me confused.
I really need to save my 2 terabytes of
recorded tv. I spend 3 months
a
year volunteering for the Forest Service and
take the pc along in my RV
and
most places I work have electricity but no tv
signal. (Mountains and
forests
lol). The recorded tv content is a real
blessing in the evenings and
on
rainy days !

Any advice will be appreciated!

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