

Re: Ruined m-board with bios update

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One of my abiding interests is languages, but still ...

I did have to ask one tech to go slower, but the one that bugged me most was the lady who read them two digits at a time. I kept waiting for the next digit and she kept waiting for an OK from me :-)

On 8/14/2007, xiowan posted this:

Hello Gene:

I guess I lucked out and won't have to reactivate since they sent the same exact moverboard and revision number as the first one. I have gone thru a reactivation once when I removed Vista from the same pc and re-installed MCE2005 due to lack of modem drivers and dvd lightscribe software incompatibility. The reactivation wasn't difficult other than asking the man with an East Indian accent to read off the numbers louder and slower lol. Sounds like you probably have experienced enough reactivation that you can understand the numbers in any language lol.

xiowan.....in tucson

"Gene E. Bloch" wrote:

Hopefully you won't have to reactivate :-)

But if you do it's not too bad (nor is it too good...).

At worst, you'll have to call in, at which time you'll find out that the automated system doesn't really work – but it's not too hard to get to a person.

Still, it's twenty minutes wasted.

My problem was that I was trying to set up a combined Parallels/Bootcamp setup and had to do the above about six or eight times. They never denied me, but it was a total PIA. Eventually I gave up the idea, but for reasons of SW stability, not activation.

On 8/10/2007, xiowan posted this:

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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@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

<news:BA291C34-DF75-4961-B0F9-7DBD97088E48@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hi again David B:
Whew.....that was a chore! Disconnected 6 Sata HDs and the IDE HD.
Turned power on & inserted recovery CD. Turned off pc.

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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

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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.

xiowan.....in tucson

"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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"xiowan"

<xiowan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in

message

news:CE0D680D-F1EF-4732-8CD0-36F0A7489EC4@xxxxxxxxxx

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

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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

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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

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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

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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a
clean
install
allow
access
to
all
the
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

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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

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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!

xiowan.....in

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