

## Re: Dual Boot (folly)

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Thanks for the putdown, Just have a few computers at home and have been learning about how to use them. Maybe 10 months. My kids are using computers in school so I guess a big train wreck is starting. Maybe if I had started in 1985, i would be as smart as you? but then again, what does boiling water have to do with computers:) I appreciate your input, but not your sarcastic remarks.

"Slip Kid" wrote:

- > Vince,
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- > My advice was labled a "duplication of effort".
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- > Where have you been since?
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- > Yes, the silence is deafening. It's been me you and Pegasus!
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- > Did you go back and read the first response from Arc? He was on the
- > mark and needed only include a few other bits of advice. But he'd set
- > you on a sound path and any question beyond that would easily been
- > answered (by Arc).
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- > Methinks Arc can get a dualboot in, in record time. He sure scattered!
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- > In over a decade of installing more dual-boots than I can count, (for
- > myself, clients and friends) I don't recall ever spending more than an
- > afternoon, at the longest? Hell, with small drives (half a gig) I made
- > it work with 2 OS's having to share he same partition/volume. (No, I
- > never walked miles to return a book as did Mr. Lincoln).
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- > Yes, your circumstances requiried advance preparation – maybe an hour or
- > two at best. Vince, this was a no-brainer!
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- > Here we are on the tenth and your initial post was made on the 7th. I
- > dare say had you gone to the MS site (rarely my sole choice for advice)
- > and one or two other sites which have been dealing with this now common
- > practice for years...Well, Vince? I'll bet you'd have been up and
- > running that evening.
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- > Yes, as "unnecessary" as much of my advice was (it did concern more than
- > a strict reply to the narrow subject a hand)? Even if you you'd have
- > done \*all\* I advised, line by line -- this would be over. Ignore my
- > further advice for now? You may revisit my tips when you recover from
- > this.
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- > Funny thing? If you never visited this group? If you only did a Google
- > search for "dual boot" (or Dual-boot or dualboot)?
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- > Vince, the book was written years ago! In fact, now most of the results
- > refer to a Linux install.
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- > You have to scroll down a page of results to find an MS only question.
- > Yeah, sometimes around the turn of the century a dual boot became
- > "traditional". If only you would have looked at ten sites you would
- > probably have found 95% agreement between 90% of them. In fact, some of
- > the early "Flagship sites" are gone! They don't have anything new to
- > offer.
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- > I hope your new buddy lives a long time. I suspect he'll be at your
- > beckoned call more than once in the future. Amazing how silent this
- > group is. I sincerely doubt anyone who has installed more than a handful
- > of dualboots can believe how this has turned out to be a few day project.
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- > At which point do we use the word \*fiasco\*?
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- > Has anybody here who had done this more than once spent more than a day
- > with it? An evening?
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- > Yeah, I haven't used a machine without a dual boot in over a dozen
- > years. Each upgrade or any modification to a box, drive or OS was
- > within that config. I don't know if I haven't used a third party boot
- > manager out there. Why have I always returned to boot.ini? It isn't
- > that I didn't 'try' and experiment with a different method!
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- > You are not dumb! But few of the questions or problems you present fall
- > into the \*complicated\* category. Let others conclude why this has become
- > "complicated".
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- > If my suggestion was so \*wrong", I wonder why it is largely still the
- > boilerplate various MS suggestions and appears at most any site you
- > would choose at random. (Except if you were installing a Linux OS).
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- > Talk about making a mountain out of a molehill! Vince, sometimes "A
- > cigar is just a cigar."
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- > I suppose this will be fixed, if it already isn't? I hope your method
- > guarantees it is \*over\*. I can give you more than a few reasons why you
- > will revisit this scene (if not this group).
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- > I've never been so proud to be insulted! I watch you run into one

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- > unnecessary brick wall after another and fight the urge to be smug
- > knowing not only should this be behind you but I have little confidence
- > you did anything but set yourself on a path which will require you to
- > pose more than a few questions as long as you rely upon this solution.
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- > Good Luck Vince! You have undertaken one of the simplest technical
- > procedures. In the face of the preponderance of evidence of "how most
- > people" satisfy your need – you chose the fork in the road.
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- > I'd like to see the response in this group to the question: "How do I
- > boil water?"
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- > [Answer]
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- > "Well, first you have to dig a well...."
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- > Sez I? "Wait, he has water coming out of the tap!" (But that would be
- > too simple!)
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- > Yes, Pegasus is going to ignore me! (As will the legions who may fear
- > his repudiation?)
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- > I guess there is a new and better (but also held in confidence) way of
- > installing a second MS OS!
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