

## Re: Unsure of what to do...

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Another learning session for me from the SBS NG!! Thanks Charlie.....that explains it!! I guess when building the hardware and your given a choice to add a floppy/or not an uneducated person would assume that you would be fine without one if you had to do a re-install in a case like we have been discussing.

Live and learn!

Jeff

"Charlie Russel - MVP" <[charlie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:charlie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message <news:eHMI6E3zGHA.3512@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

because it's a floppy. <g>

Seriously, the code that is available to Windows at this point is very, very limited. It doesn't recognize USB at all. But at that point the BIOS is telling it that there's a floppy drive available. (It's generally called something like "support legacy USB devices" or "Legacy support" in the BIOS under the USB section.)

This whole problem goes away with Vista/Longhorn, where they completely rewrote the installation and boot time loader. But until then, we get to live with it.

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Charlie.  
<http://msmvps.com/xperts64>

Jeff Teel wrote:

I'll have to invest in one of those (USB floppy) to keep handy. How is it that a USB floppy will work for this job but a USB key will not?

Thanks

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Jeff

"Charlie Russel – MVP" <charlie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:u5DEM8kzGHA.1040@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:u5DEM8kzGHA.1040@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

I wouldn't try to do it that way – I'm not sure what the result would be.  
You should be able to extract the necessary drivers from the CD, or download them from the Dell site. As for not having a 3.5" drive – an inexpensive USB floppy drive will do just fine. I keep one in the server room, in a ziplock bag, for just such uses.

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Charlie.  
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Jeff Teel wrote:

No... I don't have any drivers on a floppy. They are all on the Dell restore CD that came with the system and I have no 3 1/2 drive either. When you mentioned in your earlier post that " (USB key and/or CD will NOT do!) for installing drivers I wondered how everything worked when I did the restore on my system if using the CD drive would not work. I'm a little slow with this I guess! Could I start the install with the Dell restore CD (without SP1) that also contains the RAID drivers then finish with the new media that has SP1?

Thanks  
Jeff

"Charlie Russel – MVP"  
<charlie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote in message  
[news:eiusSddzGHA.2636@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:eiusSddzGHA.2636@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Well, I assume you would have to have the drivers on

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floppy, yes. Only the RAID drivers are an issue – all others you can load once the core OS is loaded – there's a natural stopping point when Windows is loaded, but none of the SBS components have been loaded yet. You can pause there and load the drivers you'll need later, such as network drivers if your NIC needs a driver, for example. Then you restart the install and finish. --  
Charlie.

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"Jeff Teel"

<jdteel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

<news:%23K8L3wczGHA.3752@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Thanks for  
replying  
Charlie  
I thought  
that might  
be the case  
but wasn't  
sure. This  
brings up  
another  
question  
though.  
With the  
upgrade of  
my OS to  
SP1 (I have  
squeezed  
some SP1 a  
set of full  
install  
media out  
of Dell) if I  
use  
the SP1  
media to do  
a re-install

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will those  
drivers be  
on the disks  
or is the  
media  
missing the  
drivers for  
RAID  
ect....? On  
the new  
media SBS  
SP1 disks  
that they  
shipped  
there is no  
mention of  
Dell.  
They are  
from  
Microsoft  
Licensing.  
Am I  
assuming  
correctly  
that if I  
have to do a  
complete  
re-install  
and use the  
SP1 media I  
will have to  
get the  
drivers  
loaded from  
a drive  
other than  
the CD?

Thanks  
Jeff

"Charlie  
Russel –  
MVP"

<charlie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in  
message

[news:%23mCqIoYzGHA.4896@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:%23mCqIoYzGHA.4896@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

If  
you

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flattened  
the  
machine,  
there's  
no  
drivers  
on  
it.  
You  
boot  
from  
the  
CD,  
and  
add  
the  
drivers.  
On  
Dell  
servers,  
if  
SBS  
is  
a  
supported  
OS,  
they  
are  
supposed  
to  
streamline  
the  
drivers  
onto  
the  
SBS  
CD  
so  
that  
you  
don't  
need  
a  
floppy.

An  
external  
USB  
floppy  
is  
normally

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fine,  
by  
the  
way.  
I  
keep  
one  
here,  
sitting  
in  
the  
server  
room,  
in  
a  
ziplock  
bag  
on  
the  
back  
shelf.  
Just  
in  
case.

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Charlie.  
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"Jeff  
Teel"  
<jdteel@RMoveThis  
sugardog.com>  
wrote  
in  
message  
<news:OPvCS5VzGHA.3568@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hi  
Charlie

I  
have  
a  
question  
that  
relates  
to  
loading  
RAID  
drivers

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that  
I  
have  
been  
wondering  
about.  
Several  
months  
ago  
I  
flattened  
my  
server  
and  
started  
over  
with  
a  
clean  
install.  
I'll  
try  
not  
to  
leave  
out  
any  
thing  
but  
it's  
been  
a  
while  
since  
I've  
done  
this!!  
Before  
I  
did  
the  
new  
install  
though  
I  
made  
the  
C:\  
partition  
larger  
using

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the  
install  
CD.  
Would  
the  
drivers  
for  
RAID  
still  
be  
on  
the  
system  
from  
the  
original  
install  
or  
are  
they  
taken  
off  
when  
the  
partition  
was  
increased?  
I  
ask  
because  
I  
don't  
have  
a  
floppy  
drive  
and  
there  
would  
be  
no  
other  
way  
(except  
an  
external  
floppy)  
but  
to  
use  
the

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CD  
drive  
to  
get  
that  
done  
if  
I  
could  
not  
use  
it.  
It  
is  
a  
Dell  
Server  
that  
had  
SBS  
preinstalled.  
I  
can't  
remember  
for  
sure  
if  
I  
had  
to  
do  
any  
driver  
installs  
before  
I  
put  
the  
OS  
on.

Thanks  
Jeff

"Charlie  
Russel  
-  
MVP"  
<charlie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote  
in



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Press  
F6  
and  
then  
follow  
the  
prompts  
to  
load  
your  
RAID/SATA  
drivers.

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Charlie.

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tqc4869  
wrote:

Okay,  
I've  
been  
able  
to  
get  
the  
raid  
to  
show  
up  
on  
disk  
management  
after  
booting  
up  
with  
the  
old  
drive..  
Should  
I  
keep  
the  
old  
drive  
and  
somehow  
move

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the  
data  
to  
the  
raid  
partition?