

Re: Dual boot laptop problem

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> On 4/8/05, Suraj Chandrasekaran <csuraj@gmail.com> wrote:
> > Hi,
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> > Actually, the boot.ini file is hidden and is not visible until you
go
> > to Tools>Folder Options and select Show hidden files and folders
and
> > also, and uncheck "Hide protected operating system files". Now, you
> > should see the boot.ini file in the root windows partition, most
> > probably C: drive.
> >
> > Hope this helps. Give me an update if it does or doesnt work.
> >
> > -Suraj
> >
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Jason Brown wrote:

> Once he reinstalled Windows it wrote over the top of the MBR.
> Shouldnt he be looking there first since grub/lilo was actually
> taking care of the boot process.

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> > > -----Original Message-----
> > > From: redhat-list-bounces@redhat.com
> > > [mailto:redhat-list-bounces@redhat.com] On Behalf Of Barry
Gamblin
> > > Sent: Friday, April 08, 2005 11:33 AM
> > > To: redhat-list@redhat.com
> > > Subject: Dual boot laptop problem
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> > > I have (or should I say had) a laptop (Thinkpad T23) that
> > > dual boots Redhat 9 and Windows 2000. I needed to upgrade the

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>>> side to Windows XP. The upgrade didn't go well so a
>>> clean install of Windows was needed. I selected the Windows
partition
>>> during the setup process and told it to format the partition. The
>>> install evidently wiped out the partition table, and I forgot to
save a
>>> copy of the boot.ini file, so now I cannot get to my linux
install.
>>> msconfig does not give me the option to edit the boot.ini file.

In fact

>>> I cannot even find the real file, just a backup file. I think the
linux
>>> partition is still there, but I do not know how to get to it.
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>>> Is there any way to get the partition table back so I can boot
into the
>>> linux side?
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>>> Thanks, Barry
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I probably should have followed up on this. I was actually using
the windows boot loader, but I switched over to grub.

Here is what I ended up doing with the help of some linux nerds
here at