

Cannot get Boot Manager launch WinXPsp2

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Hi!

I've always been using MS Windows. Even if I've very little experience with Unix-like systems, I've installed FreeBSD 5.3, because I want to learn it and see if I can use it for some tasks.

Since, in any case, I can't abandon Windows (which I'm so used to...), I installed the FreeBSD Boot Manager. After the installation process I'm not able to launch Windows any more.

After the power-on self test, what I suppose to be the boot manager appears:

F1 ??

F2 FreeBSD

F5 Drive 1

Default: F2

If I'm not making mistakes, F5 will look for a boot manager on the other hard disk (I have ad0 with both OSes, and ad1), so F1 should start Windows.

But I get this error message:

Errore di lettura da disco

Premere CTRL+ALT+CANC per riavviare

which means:

Disk read error

Press CTRL+ALT+DEL to reboot

Which is likely to be Windows' loader complaining for something unknown to me.

What did I mistake? How can I get both OSes to boot as expected?

FreeBSD boots correctly, so I tried to make sysinstall reinstall the boot manager, but it complains:

ERROR: Unable to write data to disk ad0!

Disk partition write returned an error status!

Please help me! I need Windows working as soon as possible...

Just one more question: I have an ASUS A7N8X-E Deluxe motherboard, which has two ethernet devices. I got the Marvell Yukon Gigabit Ethernet card successfully

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identified as sk0. Which module should I load to get the integrated MCP-T
NVIDIA MAC fast ethernet card (which should be part of the nForce2 chipset,
I think) working?

Thank you!

-Dario

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