

Re: Cannot get Boot Manager launch WinXPsp2

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Windows' NTFS partition was unrecoverable: even reinstalling MS's MBR and boot sector I still had errors (regarding filesystem corruption...).

I've solved the problem by reinstalling Windows, and then configuring Windows' own booter to launch FreeBSD when requested, as described somewhere in the Internet.

I think that's the easiest and safest way to dual-boot Windows and FreeBSD, at least for beginners like me. I wish I had found some mention in the installation guide...

I had no time to try GAG, but thanks for helping anyway! :)

–Dario

Pablo Mora:

>Test with GAG.

><http://gag.sourceforge.net/>

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Original message:

>> Hi!

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>> 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.

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>> 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.

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

>> F1 ??

>> F2 FreeBSD

>> F5 Drive 1

>> Default: F2

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>> If I'm not making mistakes, F5 will look for a boot manager on the other

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