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On Sun, 11 Jun 2006 21:17:28 +0100, in sci.electronics.design Pooh Bear <rabbitsfriendsandrelations@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I managed to install XP successfully finally.

The issue with W98 not seeing the NTFS drive was simply due to my overenthusiasm in selecting NTFS. With both drives as FAT32 it's fine.

Installing the driver for the RAID controller was slightly more tricky. I found a discussion in a forum where it was claimed the it was a problem installing Highpoint 370 drivers in XP and even suggesting that its bios and driver should have the same release number. Since the latest BIOS was ver ~ 1.12 or something and the Windows driver was 2.351 I decided to disregard this advice.

Having re-installed XP with FAT32 I tried once agin installing the device driver but got the same problem I had before.

What I'd missed but got next time round was the brief hint to press F6 to install any 'third party drivers for SCSI Raid etc'. Actually pressing F6 when the msg appears doesn't actually do anything *then* but prompts for the driver disk a few minutes *later* ! This is unlike F2 for recovery which responds immediately if pressed. So, if you miss the option to press F6 (it's only onscreen for maybe 10 secs or less) you're knackered and it's confusing that no response to the key press happens straight away.

So – up and running now. I'm switching the boot drive in the bios which keeps my W98SE installation totally untouched.

I was *very* intrigued to discover I could run installed W98 apps on the d: drive from my XP installation too. Didn't expect that.

Thanks to everyone who helped point me in the right directions.

Graham

Now when you get the style you like set up, with all your normal goodies, do a HDD clone with Norton Ghost or equiv.

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BTW Procomm, (a dos terminal thing) from the 80's still runs on my XP
<http://shelleytherepublican.com/category/education/technical/linux/>

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