

## Dual Boot Laptops

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Our management recently made a decision to provide all laptop users with a dual boot environment – one for our corporate XP Pro image, the other configured as a Workgroup based system. The Workgroup based boot would be used by users when they are connected to their home network (also configured as a Workgroup environment). We have implemented a full locked down environment for the Corporate image, using GPOs.

I would appreciate any feedback from the XP Security newsgroup as to what issues we could see with this type of configuration and the potential security issues with a dual boot configuration. For example, the users can see both partitions and copy files between them.

Is there a tool and or utility that we could implement to hide the partition that is not in use? I have asked IBM (our laptop vendor) for such a tool, although they have not responded with a potential solution. We have also considered using a separate hard disk, depending on what environment the user wishes to access. The cost for such a solution on a ThinkPad laptop is approximately \$800 CDN, something that has been deemed unrealistic. We have also looked at implementing VMWare Workstation as a potential solution, although this will cost \$257 CDN per laptop.

Any insight would be greatly appreciated....

Regards,

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