

Re: chkdsk problem

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First, realize that CHKDSK is not the real problem, and is in fact usually part of the solution to file system corruption. Running CHKDSK weekly or so can prevent little file and disk errors from becoming big errors. If CHKDSK continually finds serious errors, that could be a sign of a failing disk. But, even a good disk can have file system errors, if the PC is shut down improperly (e.g., power failure, system lock-up/crash). Further, even without a power failure, crash, etc good files sometimes go bad, or files get mixed up, at least they seem to on all Microsoft operating systems.

As for fixing XP, there are several options, besides the "clean install":

1. Run system file checker SFC /SCANNOW, which can replace corrupt/missing XP files with clean copies stored in a cache on disk, or from the XP CD.

<http://www.updatexp.com/scannow-sfc.html>

2. Run a repair installation of XP. Unlike a clean installation, a repair does NOT erase personal programs nor installed programs. But, a limitation of the repair is that it can not repair/replace the registry, at least not most of it, since if it did that it would be like uninstalling programs. A repair is supported by retail XP CDs. It is often not supported by OEM CDs, or PCs that came with XP pre-installed. However, you can always buy a full-retail version of XP to get the CD. Do not try to use someone else's XP CD for the repair, lest you then run into problems of product activation. Links about repairing:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:315341>

http://www.webtree.ca/windowsxp/repair_xp.htm

http://www.extremetech.com/print_article/0.3998.a=23979.00.asp

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<http://www.geekstogo.com/forum/Repair-Windows-XP-t138.html>

CAUTION: Before running either SFC, and especially before attempting a repair install, save all personal files off of the PC. If you can not currently boot into XP far enough to copy to CD, DVD, ZIP, USB drive, etc, then try one of the following:

1. LINUX "live" CD with NTFS and USB support. "live" means it does NOT install on the hard drive, but rather runs directly from the CD (or DVD). KNOPPIX is my favorite and it is free.

2. Boot with a Windows PE disk, if you can find one, or an image of one that can be burned to CD. This is effectively a "live" version of XP, but is usually limited in its distribution to PC professionals.

3. Make a Bart's bootable CD on another PC running XP. Bart's is similar to Windows PE, but more flexible, and almost anyone with XP can make one.

4. Temporarily mount the hard drive in a USB 2.0 enclosure and read into another PC, then out to CD, DVD, USB, etc.

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ok the other day chkdsk ran and destroyed my security settings.It said something on the lines of "security settings invalid restoring settings to default"for every file on my computer.Which left my computer without a task bar,run extremely slow,no access to user accounts,ie not working,and a ton more problems.I then tried restoring numerous times but nothing helped. I then found something online about manually reset security policies to default (exactly what chkdsk said it did)and tried it (secedit /configure /cfg % windir%\repair\secsetup.inf /db secsetup.sdb /verbose) which fixed most of the problems but not all.I cant access disk management,cant log in with account that has user rights.And still a ton more.Im just wondering if anyone here has had the same problem and how they fixed it.im running windows xp pro locally. I've also tried to create new

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admin accounts but they have exactly the same problems as the existing accounts.