Subject: Cloned Recovery Partition To New HDD Help Posted by _SSnipe_ on Sat, 05 Jun 2010 17:09:19 GMT

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Maybe someone could help me here since I can't figure out what to do next,

so the story is my friend wanted me to fix her pc, she said geek squad said it had bad sectors and was dying, I come to find out it was try when using the recovery diagnostic tools built into the pc's recovery partition and repairing them, did not work, so tried to do a destructive system recovery, but no luck, it loads and says please wait with windows xp boot screen but stays like that and never changes no matter how long you wait, which is the same problem even before a recovery was ran, I guess the bad sectors prevent the OS from booting up correctly,there hardware diagnostics tools said when found it had bad sectors (S.M.A.R.T. HDD test bad sectors found) "don't run recovery right now", but recovery has already been ran

My idea was to us paragon partition manager to clone the recovery partition to a black hard drive i once used for linux OS, then set it all the software and such while the new hard drive gets ordered one of these days

When I did loaded up the new hard drive with recovery partition cloned to it, I knew nothing would load since there was no OS so I press F10 which is keyboard button you press to run recovery, but nothing happens, then getting a grub error message, I guess my linux boot loader was somehow still on the hard drive even after I wiped it out

I booted a windows xp cd and did fixboot and fixmrb to repair the windows MBR, ok now I get the windows error message now not an ubuntu one saying there is no boot record (aka an OS), But when I press F10 to load recovery nothing happens still...and before i switched hard drives, it worked, it has same recovery partition so how come F10 wont load up recovery?

Thats basically my problem, so can anyone give me a clue what to do next?

Please and Thank You

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