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Thread: [Windows failed to start after fde](#)

Year? - May 15, 2014, 9:44 pm

I fully encrypted my ssd today using Disk Cryptor, and when i rebooted i got this error.

"Windows failed to start. A recent hardware or software change might be the cause.

Status: 0xc000000f

Info: the boot selection failed because a required device is innacesible."

I can still access my Bios but am lost.

Remote Administration - May 15, 2014, 10:12 pm

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2. Re-install Windows.
3. Restore the master boot records. (PM if you need help with this.)

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6. Trying using the System restore by accessing the boot menu (keep pressing F8 before it boots)

Homunculus - May 16, 2014, 5:17 am

ensure to check any infections and also click on start button and type msconfig, then go to your startup programs n remove some of them.

Year? - May 17, 2014, 1:12 am

(May 15, 2014 10:12 PM)Dustin9099 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 1. Use another PC to decrypt via connecting USB cable.

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- How do i decrypt my harddrive? And im guessing im going to lose all my data, right? :(

crazyycast13 - May 18, 2014, 6:00 am

Well, looks like you encrypted your drive wrong (I think). You might want to boot off of another device and then decrypt your SSD and then recrypt making sure that it is still bootable.

Year? - May 19, 2014, 12:15 am

(May 18, 2014 06:00 AM)crazyycast13 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well, looks like you encrypted your drive wrong (I think). You might want to boot off of another device and then decrypt your SSD and then recrypt making sure that it is still bootable.

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AES encryption using Disk Cryptor.

crazyycast13 - May 19, 2014, 4:15 am

(May 19, 2014 12:15 AM)Thousands Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What programs can i use to decrypt?

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Wait don't do anything yet. I did some searching to make sure I knew what I was doing it looks like this has been showing up as a problem on the diskcryptor forums.

What Windows version are you running?

Year? - May 19, 2014, 12:00 pm

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crazyycast13 - May 19, 2014, 12:52 pm

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Year? - May 19, 2014, 1:08 pm

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crazyycast13 - May 19, 2014, 9:19 pm

(May 19, 2014 01:08 PM)Thousands Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Alright, thanks for all the help so far. Have been on my phone lately until i get this problem sorted.

So, I have a bad feeling you didn't do this, but did you ever create a bootable Windows CD -> <https://diskcryptor.net/w/index.php?title=LiveCD?>

If you didn't are you 100% sure that you encrypted the whole drive. If so, we could boot off of a Linux live CD, have it run an AES decryption algo on your HDD, and then be back to square one (you have your data but no encrypted drive).

Also, would you happen to have a second HDD or SSD? That way you could raid 1 your current data, try something to fix your computer, and if it doesn't work reload the old data and try again.

Year? - May 19, 2014, 10:05 pm

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No, i didnt make the bootable CD, i do have another computer i can use to make one though. And yes, my SSD has my OS on it but i do have another drive used for storage.

crazyycast13 - May 20, 2014, 2:56 pm

I have a project to work on, I'll tell you what you need to do later tonight.

Year? - May 20, 2014, 3:41 pm

(May 20, 2014 02:56 PM)crazyycast13 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have a project to work on, I'll tell you what you need to do later tonight.

Alright, thank you very much for all the help so far. ?

Year? - May 24, 2014, 2:57 am

Still looking for a solution, dont want to lose all my data. :[

crazyycast13 - May 24, 2014, 10:09 pm

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First, check that the drive is really encrypted. Plug it into a different workstation, boot off of your unencrypted drive, and then check if there are any files/folders/whatever on the crypted drive. If there are no system32 folders and stuff like that, proceed to step 2. If there are normal folders and the like, well there is your data.

2) If you have room on your second drive, make a pretty large partition, and then copy all the data on your encrypted drive to that partition.

[GO HERE TO DO THIS CORRECTLY](#)

Post if you have questions or have finished the two steps above.

Year? - May 29, 2014, 5:08 pm

Fixed it, thank you crazyy for pointing me in the right direction.