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HOW TO: Change the Location of the Installation Files in Windows 2000

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IMPORTANT: This article contains information about modifying the registry. Before you modify the registry, make sure to back it up and make sure that you understand how to restore the registry if a problem occurs. For information about how to back up, restore, and edit the registry, click the following article number to view the article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

[256986](#) Description of the Microsoft Windows Registry

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SUMMARY

This article describes how to edit the registry to specify a new location for the installation files for Windows 2000. You may want to do this, for example, if you want to copy the Windows 2000 installation files to your hard disk and then configure Windows to find the files on the hard disk, instead of prompting you to insert the Windows 2000 CD-ROM.

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To Change the Location of the Installation Files

WARNING: If you use Registry Editor incorrectly, you may cause serious problems that may require you to reinstall your operating system. Microsoft cannot guarantee that you can solve problems that result from using Registry Editor incorrectly. Use Registry Editor at your own risk.

To change the location of the installation files to the hard disk:

1. Copy the I386 folder structure from the Windows 2000 CD-ROM to the hard disk.
2. Start Registry Editor (Regedt32.exe).
3. Locate and then click the **Installation Sources** value in the following registry key:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Setup
4. On the **Edit** menu, click **Modify**.
5. In the **Value Data** box, type the path to the Windows 2000 installation files on your hard disk. For example, type C:\I386.
6. Click **OK**.
7. Locate and then click the **SourcePath** value in the following registry key:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Setup
8. On the **Edit** menu, click **Modify**.
9. In the **Value Data** box, type the drive letter for the Windows 2000 installation files on your hard disk. For example, if the files are in the C:\I386 folder, type c:\.
10. Click **OK**.
11. Quit Registry Editor.

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Troubleshooting

Note that you cannot edit the **Installation Sources** value by using Regedit.exe (instead of Regedt32.exe). If you try to view the **Installation Sources** value, Regedit.exe displays the value as a binary data type.

This issue occurs because Regedit.exe does not support the REG_MULTI_SZ data type. To view or edit these data types, you must use Regedt32.exe.

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