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Subject: SALVAGE OF W2K while display driver fucked ALL the system Recovery Startup included

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As you now know, display engine and Windows2000 and NT kernel is very closely connected. So much that is your display driver gets corrupted or you installed an NT4 driver on a Win2000 system yours machine will be locked in a grey zone where Standard, safe mode and VGA Mode will NOT BE HELPFULL!

Identify vital elements:

- //winnt/system32/config
contains hardware basic driver logs
- //winnt/repair/
contains hardware salvage basic driver logs
- "system"
information database
- "system.sav"
additional backup of information database

These files enclose hardware setup.

Procedure:

Access:

If you are lucky you have a FAT system so you can go for it directly.

If you are under NTFS or you boot on CD-Rom and you go in Repair/Console (but I am not certain that you can then get to //winnt/. Last time I did this I created a parallel win2000 install then I modified the files.

Look for System file located in "root//winnt/system32/config"
rename it the system.orig

Grab System file system in root//winnt/repair/
copy it in "root//winnt/system32/config"

if this is not helping look also for system.sav in //config or //repair. rename the original system to system.bak and install the system.sav in replacement.

ATTENTION this is the last chance to recover your system before REINSTALLING. assuming that CD Rom Repair mode is not helping.

Good luck.

God shave the queen!