

# The Other 39 Minute Hiccup

Occasionally, when installing Windows XP (even more likely when upgrading to it), the screen that tells you how many minutes are left in loading Windows components, will get “stuck” at one of the 39 to 34 minute points, and may even reset the computer a couple of times.

The problem is that Windows Setup has incorrectly copied entries in the secondary “catroot” folder. Believe it or not, we have a very simple fix for this... and its likely that when you find out how easy it is, you’ll be kicking yourself in the posterior at regular intervals for the rest of the day. Well, here it is...

1. Upon the next reset, eject the install disc.
2. When it pops open a dialog that asks for the disk, press {shift}-{F10}.
3. A simple DOS window will appear.
4. CD to %windir%\system32
5. REN catroot2 catroot2\_old
6. EXIT the DOS window, and restart the computer.

We renamed the secondary catroot folder, because during the setup process, this folder has attributes that keep you from deleting it, or changing the attributes... but we can rename it, which works out the same way.

When setup continues, (with maybe another reset or two by setup), things should start to advance, and the “time remaining “ clock should start to decrease normally.

Enjoy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Der. Fury". The letters are stylized and cursive, with a prominent "D" and "F".