Ghosting An XP Machine And Then Inserting The Ghosted HDD Into A Dell E6400 Laptop Causes It To Constantly Reboot

Problem: When you ghost an XP machine and then take that ghosted HDD and place it into a Dell Latitude E6400 Series laptop when you try to boot it the laptop goes into a constant reboot. To fix this you will have to do a couple of things, so see the solution below.

Solution: The first thing that you will need to do is go back to my website and right below where you got this document download a file called "Merdeide.Reg" and place it on some type of removable media, such as a thumb drive. Now go to the machine that you want to be ghosted (The Original Machine), and copy "Merdeide.Reg" to the desktop. *Note: This next step involves modifying the registry. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE BACKED IT UP BEFORE YOU CONTINUE.* You will now need to unzip its contents and you will see a file called "Merdeide.Reg" double-click on it and follow the prompts. Once you have done that delete the "Merdeide.Reg" and the "Merdeide.Reg.zip" file and folder off the desktop (To prevent the user from inadvertently clicking on it later). Ghost the machine to the Dell E6400 just like you normally would. **Note: As soon as you are done Ghosting the Machine make sure you SHUT IT DOWN. DO NOT Let it ATTEMPT to boot into WINDOWS!!!** With the newly ghosted drive in the Dell E6400 Laptop you will need to turn it on and immediately start pressing F12 to get to the "Boot Menu", and you will want to pick "Bios Setup" and hit Enter. Now once you are in the Bios expand out "System Configuration" and go down to where it says "SATA Operation" highlight it. On the right-hand side under "SATA Operation" make sure there is a Green Dot in the bubble beside "ATA" **NOT** "IRRT". You will then get a message that says "SATA Operation Is Being Changed!......." Are You Sure You Would Like To Continue?? Select "YES". In the bottom right-hand corner click on "Apply" Then click on "Exit" and the laptop should reboot. You should now notice that it will boot into Windows Fine. You may also notice that the display is a little

off, and that none of the new drivers are installed. This is because it is a total different machine and you will have to install the new drivers for the Dell Latitude E6400. It is also possible that you may have to do a repair on Windows. Other than that, that is pretty much all there is to it.