

Entire MBR record in hex and ASCII

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OFFSET 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F *0123456789ABCDEF*
000000 fa33c08e d0bc007c 8bf45007 501ffbf0 *.3.....|..P.P...*
000010 bf0006b9 0001f2a5 eald0600 00bebe07 *.....*
000020 b304803c 80740e80 3c00751c 83c610fe *.....t.....u.....*
000030 cb75efcd 188b148b 4c028bee 83c610fe *.u.....L.....*
000040 cb741a80 3c0074f4 be8b06ac 3c00740b *.t....t.....t.*
000050 56bb0700 b40ecd10 5eebf0eb febf0500 *V.....^.....*
000060 bb007cb8 010257cd 135f730c 33c0cd13 *..|...W...s.3...*
000070 4f75edbe a306ebd3 bec206bf fe7d813d *Ou.....}.=*
000080 55aa75c7 8bf5ea00 7c000049 6e76616c *U.u.....|..Inval*
000090 69642070 61727469 74696f6e 20746162 *id partition tab*
0000a0 6c650045 72726f72 206c6f61 64696e67 *le.Error loading*
0000b0 206f7065 72617469 6e672073 79737465 * operating syste*
0000c0 6d004d69 7373696e 67206f70 65726174 *m.Missing operat*
0000d0 696e6720 73797374 656d0000 00000000 *ing system.....*
0000e0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000f0 TO 0001af SAME AS ABOVE
0001b0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00008001 *.....*
0001c0 0100060d fef83e00 00000678 0d000000 *.....x....*
0001d0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0001e0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0001f0 00000000 00000000 00000000 000055aa *.....U.*
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Disassembly of the MBR

This sector is initially loaded into memory at 0000:7c00 but it immediately relocates itself to 0000:0600.

	BEGIN:		NOW AT 0000:7C00, RELOCATE
0000:7C00	FA	CLI	disable int's
0000:7C01	33C0	XOR AX,AX	set stack seg to 0000
0000:7C03	8ED0	MOV SS,AX	
0000:7C05	BC007C	MOV SP,7C00	set stack ptr to 7c00
0000:7C08	8BF4	MOV SI,SP	SI now 7c00
0000:7C0A	50	PUSH AX	
0000:7C0B	07	POP ES	ES now 0000:7c00
0000:7C0C	50	PUSH AX	
0000:7C0D	1F	POP DS	DS now 0000:7c00
0000:7C0E	FB	STI	allow int's
0000:7C0F	FC	CLD	clear direction
0000:7C10	BF0006	MOV DI,0600	DI now 0600
0000:7C13	B90001	MOV CX,0100	move 256 words (512 bytes)
0000:7C16	F2	REPNZ	move MBR from 0000:7c00
0000:7C17	A5	MOVSW	to 0000:0600
0000:7C18	EA1D060000	JMP 0000:061D	jmp to NEW_LOCATION
	NEW_LOCATION:		NOW AT 0000:0600

0000:061D BEBE07	MOV	SI,07BE	point to first table entry
0000:0620 B304	MOV	BL,04	there are 4 table entries
SEARCH_LOOP1:		SEARCH FOR AN ACTIVE ENTRY	
0000:0622 803C80	CMP	BYTE PTR [SI],80	is this the active entry?
0000:0625 740E	JZ	FOUND_ACTIVE	yes
0000:0627 803C00	CMP	BYTE PTR [SI],00	is this an inactive entry?
0000:062A 751C	JNZ	NOT_ACTIVE	no
0000:062C 83C610	ADD	SI,+10	incr table ptr by 16
0000:062F FECB	DEC	BL	decr count
0000:0631 75EF	JNZ	SEARCH_LOOP1	jmp if not end of table
0000:0633 CD18	INT	18	GO TO ROM BASIC
FOUND_ACTIVE:		FOUND THE ACTIVE ENTRY	
0000:0635 8B14	MOV	DX,[SI]	set DH/DL for INT 13
call			
0000:0637 8B4C02	MOV	CX,[SI+02]	set CH/CL for INT 13
call			
0000:063A 8BEE	MOV	BP,SI	save table ptr
SEARCH_LOOP2:		MAKE SURE ONLY ONE ACTIVE ENTRY	
ENTRY			
0000:063C 83C610	ADD	SI,+10	incr table ptr by 16
0000:063F FECB	DEC	BL	decr count
0000:0641 741A	JZ	READ_BOOT	jmp if end of table
0000:0643 803C00	CMP	BYTE PTR [SI],00	is this an inactive entry?
0000:0646 74F4	JZ	SEARCH_LOOP2	yes
NOT_ACTIVE:		MORE THAN ONE ACTIVE ENTRY	
FOUND			
0000:0648 BE8B06	MOV	SI,068B	display "Invld prtt ntbl"
DISPLAY_MSG:		DISPLAY MESSAGE LOOP	
0000:064B AC	LODSB		get char of message
0000:064C 3C00	CMP	AL,00	end of message
0000:064E 740B	JZ	HANG	yes
0000:0650 56	PUSH	SI	save SI
0000:0651 BB0700	MOV	BX,0007	screen attributes
0000:0654 B40E	MOV	AH,0E	output 1 char of message
0000:0656 CD10	INT	10	to the display
0000:0658 5E	POP	SI	restore SI
0000:0659 EBF0	JMP	DISPLAY_MSG	do it again
HANG:		HANG THE SYSTEM LOOP	

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0000:065B EBFEB        JMP        HANG                sit and stay!

                READ_BOOT:                READ ACTIVE PARTITION BOOT
RECORD

0000:065D BF0500        MOV        DI,0005                INT 13 retry count

                INT13RTRY:                INT 13 RETRY LOOP

0000:0660 BB007C        MOV        BX,7C00
0000:0663 B80102        MOV        AX,0201                read 1 sector
0000:0666 57            PUSH        DI                save DI
0000:0667 CD13          INT         13                read sector into
0000:7c00
0000:0669 5F            POP         DI                restore DI
0000:066A 730C          JNB        INT13OK            jmp if no INT 13
0000:066C 33C0          XOR         AX,AX            call INT 13 and
0000:066E CD13          INT         13                do disk reset
0000:0670 4F            DEC         DI                decr DI
0000:0671 75ED          JNZ        INT13RTRY         if not zero, try again
0000:0673 BEA306        MOV        SI,06A3            display "Errr ldng
system"
0000:0676 EBD3          JMP        DISPLAY_MSG        jmp to display loop

                INT13OK:                INT 13 ERROR

0000:0678 BEC206        MOV        SI,06C2            "missing op sys"
0000:067B BFFE7D        MOV        DI,7DFE            point to signature
0000:067E 813D55AA      CMP        WORD PTR [DI],AA55  is signature
correct?
0000:0682 75C7          JNZ        DISPLAY_MSG        no
0000:0684 8BF5          MOV        SI,BP              set SI
0000:0686 EA007C0000      JMP        0000:7C00          JUMP TO THE BOOT
SECTOR

                                WITH SI POINTING
TO

                                PART TABLE ENTRY

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Messages here.

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0000:0680 ..... 49 6e76616c *          Inval*
0000:0690 69642070 61727469 74696f6e 20746162 *id partition tab*
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0000:06b0 206f7065 72617469 6e672073 79737465 * operating syste*
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0000:06d0 696e6720 73797374 656d00.. ..... *ing system.      *

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Data not used.

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0000:06d0 .....00 00000000 *          .....*
0000:06e0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:06f0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:0700 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:0710 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:0720 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:0730 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*

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0000:0740 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:0750 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:0760 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:0770 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:0780 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:0790 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:07a0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:07b0 00000000 00000000 00000000 0000.... *.....*

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The partition table starts at 0000:07be. Each partition table entry is 16 bytes. This table defines a single primary partition which is also an active (bootable) partition.

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0000:07b0 ..... 8001 *.....*
0000:07c0 0100060d fef83e00 00000678 0d000000 *.....x....*
0000:07d0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:07e0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 *.....*
0000:07f0 00000000 00000000 00000000 0000.... *.....*

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The last two bytes contain a 55AAH signature.

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0000:07f0 ..... 55aa *.....U.*

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Layout of a standard master boot record

Address	Description
0x0000	Code Area
0x018A	Four 9 byte primary partition table entries (optional IBM extensions to the MBR Partition Table scheme)
0x01B8	4 byte disk signature (optional)
0x01BE	Four 16 byte primary partition table entries (standard MBR Partition Table scheme)
0x01FE	2 byte MBR signature (0x55AA)