

Re: Activation Error 0xC004F061

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Have a similar problem. I was reinstalling Win XP pro when I realized I have lost the cd key. So I then decided to try out the Vista Business I had purchased but was forced to do a clean install due to my previous problem. Now I receive the 0xc004f061 error upon activation.

Both XP and Vista are legal copies and I have the digital receipts. Is there anyway to bypass this problem as I can't even ask Microsoft for help without paying 60\$?

"Rock" wrote:

Ok, good luck.

"edenney" <edenney@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote

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I did start the upgrade from within XP...so it sounds like I'm pretty much hosed because I did what the upgrade told me I needed to do? Am I completely unable to upgrade from Windows XP Pro to Windows Vista Home Premium?

"Rock" wrote:

"edenney"
<edenney@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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wrote

I'm getting
an
Activation
Error Code:
0xC004F061
when I try
to
activate
my
Vista Home
Premium
upgrade. I
was running
XP Pro on
this
machine,
and
when I
was doing
the install,
the installer
said I had to
do a clean
install
from
XP
Pro. Now
The error
message is
giving me
the
description
"The
Software
Licensing
Service
determined
that this
specified
product key
can
only
be
used
for
upgrading,
not for
clean

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installations."
Does this
mean that
even
though
I had a
Genuine
Windows
XP Pro on
my
computer, I
can't use the
upgrade
to
Vista?

To top it
off, it keeps
telling me
that my 90
day free
support call
period
has expired,
although
I've never
called it
before, and
just
installed
Vista a
few days
ago.
Anyone
have any
ideas how I
can fix this
issue?

To use an upgrade version
you have to start the
upgrade from within an
installed, activated and
genuine copy of XP. It will
then allow
either
an
in place upgrade (for certain
upgrade paths) or only a
custom

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installation
(programs and data are not
migrated). There has been
published a work
around to allow the
installation of an upgrade
version w/o XP being
installed. Here is one link
for it. Use at your own risk.

<http://www.dailytech.com/article.aspx?newsid=5932>

If you want to migrate data
and settings from the XP
installation use
the
Windows Easy Transfer
(WET) on the XP
installation before the
upgrade.

You can use an upgrade edition to go from XP Pro to VHP,
but only as a
custom installation, not an in place upgrade. It sounds on the
surface
like
what you did was right. To rehash this, XP Pro was installed,
activated
and
genuine. From the XP desktop you inserted the Vista DVD,
did the
preliminaries, entered the upgrade product key, then chose a
custom
install
because that's all that was available, and did the installation?

If it won't activate on line, phone in for activation.

Rock [MVP – User/Shell]

That pretty well sums up the action I had taken. I'll try the phone
activation, and see if I have more luck there. Thanks!

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Rock [MVP – User/Shell]