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In news:42B5BB97.DFD2C293@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
Sanford Aranoff <aranoff@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> had this to say:

My reply is at the bottom of your sent message:

- > I have a Win 2k, SP4 computer. I plan to buy a new computer. The first
- > thing I would do is to run Partition Magic, and create partitions
- > like I have now, and rename the C: drive to something else (L:), and
- > make the new empty drive be C: bootable. Then using Ghost, recreate
- > my present system from the external hard drive. I should wind up with
- > my present Win 2k system, with the XP still there on a different
- > drive.
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- > Will this work, or should I get rid of the XP entirely?
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- > I have to keep 2k, as I have various programs that would have to be
- > reinstalled. I do not see any pressing reason to upgrade to XP.
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- > Thanks.

In addition to all the other posts XP is capable of running all your 2k software I'd imagine. If nothing else I'd try it and see. Installing 2k first and then XP onto another partition will enable you to have a dual boot system the easiest way, and as you've been told already it's best to do a clean re-installation. I don't know of any application that can be run on 2k and not on XP though there's likely one or two odd-ball applications out there so I won't say that there isn't any. As for a pressing reason to upgrade to XP there's additional features, security, and better usage of resources that comes with the upgrade to the newer OS. (The last one is just what they tell me, I can't really say either way but I know - for instance - that it will start faster than 2k would for instance.)

Either way, to keep things simple, if you're in any doubt the first thing I'd do is install 2k on there and do your partitioning. I'd then install XP as a dual boot option onto another partition. From there I'd give XP one to three months of your time (the whole time keeping in mind how long it took you to become as familiar with 2k as you are now) to adjust to it and to make sure that all of your applications work without a problem. You might

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find then that you like XP just fine and that you want to keep it and you'll then edit your boot.ini file and remove the 2k partition entirely. You never know, it could happen.

A person I speak to often and visit with often has been going through the change to XP from 2k. So far they like it but they've opted to make the whole thing look like 2k by disabling the themes and using th