

Re: upgrade problem win ME to win 2000

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- > I'd disagree. A "conversion" implies a migration of settings /
- > configurations from one version of a given product to another. Win98 has
- > little, if anything, in common with W2K. One can argue that an NT4 to
- > W2K conversion is indeed an upgrade because both implement a security
- > manager with user-level logins. Hence, there is a distinct type of
- > conversion when one carries out a migration vs and upgrade.

Microsoft officially support an upgrade from Win98 to Win2000.
If you think otherwise then I think you should tell Microsoft that this
can't be done.

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- > | > And please, don't respond that "well, it worked for me!". Its
- > | > physically impossible to carry out that procedure. The Windows 2000
- > | > installation will not let you. Never, ever.
- > | *** Just because you state this myth three times in the strongest
- > | *** possible terms does not turn it into a fact. I tried to convert
- > | *** a WinME installation to Win2000 a moment ago. I had no
- > | *** problem with the conversion and I was able to boot up the
- > | *** "converted" version of Win2000 to the desktop and test
- > | *** network connectivity (although I don't expect the result to
- > | *** be of any use).
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- > Thats impossible. Even the installation clearly states that this is so.
- > The only option allowed is a clean install. Incidentally, because of the
- > fact that W2K is not dealing with a known migration path (ie: Win98 to
- > W2K), the result of the clean install is itself faulty! This was
- > verified with Sysdiff by yours truly. Compare Win98 and WinME to
- > understand why. WinME uses a separate user registry file that Win98
- > doesn't implement. Therefore, the WinME migration to W2K is an illusion.

Here is what you said: "Its physically impossible to carry out that
procedure. The Windows 2000 installation will not let you. Never,
ever.". I have proven conclusively that it is physically possible to
do it, than the Windows 2000 installation will let you. I never said

that the result will be useful – it isn't.

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- > Hmm, indeed, converted files do satisfy the requirement, that statement
- > was wrong. But...
- > Those are 8K clusters in a typical 12GB FAT32 drive. Converting it
- > generates an NTFS drive with 512 byte clusters. That is neatly within
- > the maximum requirement of 4K specified by the manufacturer. In NTFS,
- > you'll suffer a hefty performance cost due to the tiny cluster size.
- > Thats related to the oversized MFT table symptoms.

The thrust of my response to your note was *****not***** to state that one should "upgrade" from WinME to Win2000. One can't. It was to make you aware that your extremely dogmatic statements were in stark disagreement with the facts. Perhaps you should check these facts before making statements such as "Its physically impossible to carry out that procedure. The Windows 2000 installation will not let you. Never, ever." A statement such as "I don't think it is possible . . ." would have been more appropriate, seeing that you never tested it personally.

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