

Re: OEM version of xp from 98se

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While it's usually best to try to find the source of such issues before moving on, sometimes that's not possible. Formatting is done as a part of XP setup as describe below. NOTE: if you are having hard drive problems or it is failing, it might stop XP setup but you did say your data was backed up but I wanted to alert you to this possibility:

Assuming your system is set to boot from the CD-ROM drive, boot with the XP CD in the drive. If it isn't or you are not sure, you need to enter the system's BIOS. When you boot the system, the first screen usually has instructions that if you wish to enter setup press a specific key, when you see that, do so. Then you will have to navigate to the boot sequence, if the CD-ROM drive is not first line, set it first in the boot sequence. Save your settings and exit with the XP CD in the drive. The system will reboot.

A few screens into the boot process, if you see the message on the boot screen to "Press any key in order to boot from the CD," do so.

After loading drivers and files, you should be taken to a screen with the following:

To Setup Windows XP now, press ENTER.

To Repair a Windows XP Installation using Recovery Console press R.

To Quit setup without installing Windows XP, press F3.

In your case, press ENTER.

Agree to the License agreement by pressing F8.

You will then be taken to a screen with two options.

To repair the selected Windows XP installation press R.

To continue installing a fresh copy of Windows XP without repairing, press ESC.

This will bring you to a partition map where you can delete, create and format partitions.

Select the drive you wish to format, delete the partition, then create a new

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partition, format as desired and continue with XP installation.

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"Becky" <rsrush@comcast.net> wrote in message

news:451101c3ff09\$7d69cc60\$a301280a@phx.gbl...

>I have an oem version of xp to install. I'm going to

> reformat the hard drive. I currently have 98se. My

> computer has been freezing up, and over the last two days

> when I reboot, it doesn't load all the way.

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> I'm in the middle of an online course so have put off

> installing xp.

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> Now, I'm wondering if it is 98se os giving me the problem

> or the hard drive? It took about 7 tries to load 98se

> completely so I could post this question.

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> If it freezes again and doesn't load all the way, how do I

> still reformat the hard drive and install xp? I've saved

> all my contacts, and important documents so am ready to go

> with this.

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> Thank you in advance for your response. Becky