

>>> downloadable separately). The downloadable SP2 file (266 MBs)
>>> contains all the previous Updates. This file can be used to update
>>> XP from an 'original' CD install, SP1/1a or used to create a
>>> slipstreamed XP SP2 CD for a 'Clean' install of XP SP2.

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>> Okay, I thank you all for, and understand the logic and
>> the differences. I normally prefer to do upgrades like
>> that off-line, so I'll just wait for my CD to arrive in
>> the mail. Just as a point of information.....I intend to
>> upgrade my backup (cloned) system first, leaving my main
>> hard drive in a safe condition. I don't trust my main
>> system to something not previously tested by me and found
>> safe. That way I only have to walk in my own footsteps, not
>> somebody else's.

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>> And I can't do SP2 on my cloned system online because Symantec
>> gets unhappy and requires re-activation of their software
>> every time I try to go online with my cloned system. I
>> wouldn't mind having to do that when and if it becomes
>> necessary, but every now and then they even refuse to
>> activate, make me phone in, go through too much "Big Brother
>> is watching you" rigamarole.

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> And now, 2 hours later, a report on my progress. I followed
> through as intended, except that I made a CD copy of the
> 279Meg SP2 download. The implication has been that it is
> what I will eventually receive on CD from Microsoft. I
> tried to install it as the upgrade on the good working
> clone of my main system. I fired it up and turned off
> all the application programs I could, especially Norton
> Anti-Virus. I also disconnected from the phone line, since
> I prefer not to run my system online without A-V protection.

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> It started nicely, and did all the checking it does, and I
> thought it was making progress nicely. It did all the backing
> up, the last of which was Registry. Then I got an error
> window:

> "Unable to read from or write to database".

> I thought, maybe that means a Microsoft online database,
> but as I said above, I am installing this upgrade offline.

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> Well, not knowing what to do about it, I just closed that
> window, and it proceeded, for a while, and then came the
> fatal error...the window which read
> "Install did not complete".

> It just hung there, and gave no choices, so I waited a
> while and then just shut the system down and am now back
> in operation on my main system. I have no idea what
> condition the clone is, half way between SP1 and SP2 maybe.
> What did I do wrong?

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