



>>> *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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