

## Re: XP Repair Installation

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William, you cannot borrow someone else's CD for this purpose as the repair install requires the input of the CD key. Doing so would either result in a rejection or causing problems for the original owner if and when he tries to activate his setup again if necessary.

The best way around this and the best insurance against this type of situation is an actual XP CD as opposed to some proprietary OEM. The cost of the OS on your PC as provided by the manufacturer is negligible and frankly, they don't do you much good by giving you this type of setup because it denies you access to tools available in retail versions. If you want the availability of this option now and in the future, it's going to require a purchase.

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news:Ot3MWGs3EHA.1396@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

> Doug Knox:

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> Thank you for the following:

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> [www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/helpandsupport/learnmore/tips/doug92.mspx](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/helpandsupport/learnmore/tips/doug92.mspx)

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> My situation is that my XP came in OEM form, with no  
> Microsoft Installation CD. The "Restore CD" furnished  
> by eMachines will lose all my installed programs and  
> data.

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> It's not out of the question that I might borrow somebody's  
> XP CD, but is there a way to avoid that subterfuge?

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William B. Lurie