

# Re: Overwriting Windows ME with Windows XP

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If your ME setup is corrupted, the suggested route of installing XP over ME, called an upgrade install is no guarantee of anything. First, because of whatever is causing the problem, setup may not complete installation, it may stall. Second, even if setup completes, you may well have the same issues, this is an upgrade, not a fix and trying to move to a new OS to fix problems in the previous setup is both dangerous and ill-advised.

You might try reinstalling ME over itself to see if you can at least get to a bootable setup. Then, your best bet would be to backup your data files and then, assuming problems still exist, either wipe out the current setup and reinstall ME clean and reinstall your applications or move to XP if wish but understand, you need to do a lot of work to prep your system for XP. Many applications compatible with ME are not compatible with XP, firewalls, antivirus, CD burning software all needs to be upgraded to XP compatible versions, the same is true of hardware drivers and sometimes even some hardware.

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"oilalot" <oilalot-freeze@yahoo.com> wrote in message  
news:123B2A6E-D3C8-4EEC-9C6D-C06E18D06791@microsoft.com...

> My Windows ME is corrupted and I was advised to erase it from my computer

> and

> reinstall the original ME software. Also was advised that I could lose

> some

> of my loaded programs.

> Another party suggested that I could solve the problem by purchasing

> Windows

> XP and use it to overwrite the ME without risking the loss of some

> programs

> and the need to reload them. Is this last recommendation credible?

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> oilalot