

# Re: Saving operating system

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> Ive got a preloaded XP Home edition PC, I need to reset the PC to factory  
> settings as Its in right mess and quite slow and could do with a complete  
> clear out, can anyone advise how to save the operating system in its  
> entirety  
> so that when I reset I can then reload the software. If this process is  
> detailed already on the help apologies I looked under lots of things but  
> couldnt find it.

You cannot restore the registry, folders, and files for applications from your old instance of Windows to then somehow slide them into the new instance. You will end up doing the fresh install of Windows and then follow by \*installing\* your applications again. You can, however, backup your data files (which could include configuration files for the applications, but most applications save that in the registry).

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