

Re: De/Re-activate XP Pro

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fromidaho wrote:

I had purchased a copy of XP Pro to rebuild a laptop due to hard-disk crash. The laptop is about to go dead again. Can the XP on the laptop be deactivated and reinstalled and activated on a brand new hardware? Thanks in advance.

There is no "de-activation" process, as such.

Assuming a retail license (OEM licenses are not legitimately transferable), simply remove WinXP from the computer it is currently on and then install it on the new computer. If it's been more than 120 days since you last activated that specific Product Key, the you'll most likely be able to activate via the Internet without problem. If it's been less, you might have to make a 5 minute phone call.

Here are the facts pertaining to activation:

Piracy Basics – Microsoft Product Activation

<http://www.microsoft.com/piracy/basics/activation/>

Windows Product Activation (WPA)

<http://www.aumha.org/a/wpa.htm>

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<http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.
–Benjamin Franklin

Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? I know not what

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course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death! –Patrick Henry