

Re: Windows XP Home Edition Product Key

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All off this aside, the referenced software just identified the keys already present on a system. Besides that, the referenced website is closed (as of Dec. 05)

As far as an upgrade cd not updating an OEM install, I'd find that hard to believe. It would be one of the dumbest moves Microsoft ever made. Think of the Office Depot, Staples, and Best Buy nightmares that would result. The last time I tried this, it did work, provided that you had a valid key or CD. In some cases, it was necessary to call the OEM with the original key in hand, in order to get a new (Valid) key. This might have been because the machine key was not the key actually used by the OEM to do the original install, and the Key Stamp did not agree with the OEM install key. Gateway and Dell did this sort of thing in the past by using a bulk distribution key to install the same image on hundreds of PC's.

It's gotten to the point that some companies buy PC's accompanied with a corporate license. The PC's key(s) are changed on receipt to the corporate key(s), even though the PC's came with an individual key stamp on them and windows installed. Seems that the PC OEM decided that it was cheaper to do things this way than to change the production process for a relatively few PC's.

Another odd area was laptops, PC's, and the government. Some government people are permitted to use the same licensed copy of software on a government licensed PC and a personally owned PC. This used to also include encryption software that was illegal to take out of the country, unless you had an export license or were a direct government employee.

There are keys that can be obtained directly from Microsoft, usually associated with some sort of development environment. These keys do not usually behave as a normal retail or OEM key would when the activation process occurs. I'd guess that they are some sort of multi-user key. Some time ago, when I was more active in the development field, I had a personal key set assigned for various systems and applications. (These have expired, and are no longer valid for new installs) Two years or so ago, one key that I have (obtained from this process) was supposedly compromised. A call to the appropriate Microsoft support number produced a new same type valid replacement key within a few minutes. Since the

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validation/verification/activation process seems to be a bit fluid, who knows what will happen in the future. Somehow, I suspect that a future "mandatory upgrade" will effectively lock a windows copy to the system it is currently running. Undoubtedly, the "upgrade" will contain a EULA revision that covers the change.

The "third world" being what it is, any method/scheme used will be broken shortly after it's implementation. I suppose increased law enforcement on a global scale may eventually make a dent in the underground industry.

"Jupiter Jones [MVP]" <jones_jupiter@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:%230spLEzQGHA.2436@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Actually it is so.

Read the EULA you already agreed.

Whether it can be done is one thing, but it is another if you intend to abide by what has already been agreed.

The clue to your circumstance is that the upgrade key did not work with

the

upgrade CD.

Now either something was wrong with the key or you read it wrong and that particular key was intended for OEM.

Or possibly the CD was mis-marked.

A Retail upgrade CD will not work with the OEM key unless something else

is

wrong as is evidenced by the upgrade key not working with the upgrade CD.

What did Microsoft say when you asked them why the key did not work?

If you did not ask, you should do so soon since you may be denied

activation

at a later date.

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Jupiter Jones [MVP]

<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar>

<http://www.dts-l.org>

"jll" <jll@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

[news:aRKPf.12124\\$oL.10611@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:aRKPf.12124$oL.10611@xxxxxxxxxxxx)

Not so. I bought a copy of XP Home upgrade for my wife's W98 machine.

For

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some reason, it would not accept the product key (I bought it at Best Buy!). Rather than taking it back, I tried the key listed on the side of my Dell. It took. Her machine is a Gateway. Hopefully, I won't need it. But if it comes to that, I'll try the one that came on the upgrade. Otherwise, I'll think of something.

jll

"Harry Ohrn" <harry----@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:%23KF4APtQGHA.3896@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

"irene1964" <irene1964.24cjm@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:irene1964.24cjm@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Ken Blake, MVP Wrote:

Jupiter Jones [MVP] wrote:

It sounds like you are offering stolen goods because I doubt you would give away something worth about \$100.

Also, you quoted a very old post. Alex has not posted in a long while and I would be concerned if he posted recently.

That's for sure. As a matter of fact, today is just two days short of the first anniversary of his death.

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Ken Blake – Microsoft
MVP Windows: Shell/User
Please reply to the newsgroup

"irene1964"
irene1964.24bruj@xxxxxxxxxxxx
wrote in message if any
one wants to no the product

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key for xp home please
email me and
i will gladly email u back
with the correct product key.
irenemousley@xxxxxxx

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irene1964

"i am offering stolen goods!!" i dont think
so.. i was merely offering
people who have lost the product key to
there winxp! whats the matter?
is it hard to believe that someone is offering
to help others free of
charge!!! my pc was bought in cash from
"curry's" for £600 and the
product key to the winxp is on the side of
my pc! as for the other
person who has died (if thats true) i
apologise. i dont go round

making

money out of peop[le i merely try and help
people. FREE OF CHARGE. and
if u think i am offering stolen goods then
please contact the police!

i

havwe nothing to hide and i have all my
reciepts for every thing!!

have

a good day.

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irene1964

Irene the key is no good to anyone unless you also give or
sell them

the

computer. The product key you have can only be used with
computer that

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it

came with and is not transferable without the computer. This is by arrangement between Microsoft and the company that installed the software. It is called an OEM or Original Equipment Manufacturer

license

agreement.

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Harry Ohrn MS-MVP [Shell\User]
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