

## Re: Am I allowed to do this...?

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Nepatsfan wrote:

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I purchased and installed an Upgrade version of Windows XP Home on an old desktop PC several years ago. I've since removed the hard drive and retired that old PC to the local recycling station. I would like to upgrade my laptop that came with Windows 2000 Pro with this XP Home OS since I did pay for it – I still have the disk and product key. Will I be able to do this without having an activation problem?

You're allowed to move your XP Home upgrade as long as it's no longer installed on another computer. That's not a problem. Unfortunately, you won't be able to upgrade from Windows 2000 Professional to XP Home Edition. That's not a valid upgrade path. You would need an XP Professional upgrade CD to do that.

To install XP Home Edition on your laptop would require a clean installation. You would also need to provide an installation CD for Windows 98 or ME early in the process to show you qualify for the upgrade.

Hi Nepatsfan,

Although you cannot upgrade a Windows 2000 installation to Windows XP Home Edition you can still use the Windows 2000 CD as a qualifying product for a clean XP Home installation.

John

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