

# OT Re: XP-pro & DOS

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lol, based on the first para visible on the screen, there is no need for me to read any further. I don't GAS what you think and have no intention of petting your ego.  
Happy computing; I know it's impossible for some people.

Twayne

Twayne – Despite my having killfiled you long ago on grounds of your intolerable rudeness, I was unfortunate enough to see your comment on my post by virtue of it being quoted in someone else's reply. I've gone to the trouble of un-plonking you so I could let you know what I thought, although I can't believe I'm wasting breath on you. See inline. If you can defend yourself without resorting to insults or abusiveness, that would be as refreshing as it would be unlikely. I posed the rhetorical question "What's your problem?" regarding you last year, but I'm no closer to understanding (nor, really, giving a flying fig).  
"Twayne" <nobody@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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I was offered a used Laptop with Win-XP Professional installed. Can someone tell me if under XP-pro is also a DOS-Emulator installed like under XP-home, so that I can run DOS-Programms like under XP-home?

Thanks a lot!

Helmut

Yes. Home or Pro have the same capabilities w/r to running the older DOS versio programs. If it runs on one, it should run on the other.

Natively, yes, But the OP used the ambiguous term "DOS-Emulator" and talked about it being "installed", so I thought it worth bringing up the subject of third-party DOS emulators like DOSBox (as opposed to the Command Prompt) in case OP was running his XP Home programs under one of those. If he had been, then tried to run them natively on this XP Pro laptop and they didn't work, your advice was worthless. I don't call that "confusing the issue", I'd call it trying to cover all possibilities.

The below post is so far out in left field as to be able to be ignored.

Let's leave Helmut to judge that for himself. I

see you  
don't even deign to go into what makes it so  
"left field".

The Command Prompt, often

called the DOS window, even by Microsoft, IS  
the DOS  
emulator. It runs a lot of the standard DOS  
commands  
most are used to and a huge number of other  
added  
commands native to XP. Confusing the issue  
with the  
backwards description below

What on earth is a "backwards description"?  
Please  
describe that to me (forwards, if there are  
options).

is silly and uncalled for and an egotistical  
attempt to  
do who knows what.

As is so often the case with you, you're unable  
to resist  
making some sort of personal attack, however  
ill-founded.  
What was egotistical about what I said, exactly?  
How was  
my post silly, inaccurate or unhelpful, in any  
way at all?

If your DOS programs ran on Home, they're 99.9%  
likely  
to run the same way on XP Pro. No problem.

\*Not\* if they had to be run under an emulator on  
XP Home.  
And "the same way" might need to include tweaks  
on the  
Compatibility tab of the programs' shortcuts'  
Properties  
tabs.

Regards,

Twayne

No DOS emulator comes with XP Home or Pro. If you had one installed on an XP Home machine, you will need to install it yourself on the XP Pro laptop. You may be thinking of the Command Prompt that is available via the Start Menu, Programs > Accessories (or Start > Run > cmd). This brings up a DOS-like Window and is available on both XP Home and Pro. It's hard to know what you mean by your "so that I can run DOS-Programms like under XP-home". Depending on the game, you may need to set its shortcut to run in XP's Compatibility Mode or look at a DOS emulator like DOSBox. Closing comment: the first thing I'd do with a used laptop is format the drives and install Windows afresh – otherwise you will never be sure of what may be installed on, saved in or lurking within it. Whether you do this or not, be sure – before purchase! – that the seller provides you with a CD or other means of being able to install Windows, should you ever wish/need to do so.