

Re: SP2 makes XP–Home/SP1 CD useless – other PC problems.

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On Fri, 26 Aug 2005 15:39:34 –0500, "~ FreeSpirit ~"
<spammenot@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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> "Donald McDaniel" <dImcdaniel2005@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:tsfug1h3app8hi1harpf03rjhif46km01u@xxxxxxxxxx
>> On Thu, 25 Aug 2005 23:58:31 –0500, "~ FreeSpirit ~"
>> <spammenot@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
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>>> "Donald McDaniel" <dImcdaniel2005@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>> news:b1org1d4ik6tes90onq9qanp6oi2qrsu8t@xxxxxxxxxx
>>> > On Thu, 25 Aug 2005 09:30:24 +0100, "DL" <dl@spoofoffmail> wrote:
>>> >
>>> >> In your previous post on the Card reader, you were sent a link to an
>>> >> MS
>>> >> repair wizard.
>>> >> You posted back that you had run this and it reported a problem with
>>> >> your
>>> >> card reader.
>>> >>
>>> >> Your card reader is defective
>>> >>
>>> >> More properly, the card reader is probably INCOMPATIBLE with XP and
>>> >> SP2.
>>> >>
>>> >> ** The flash–card reader came with this HP computer as did XP–Home. The
>>> >> MS
>>> >> scanner and camera wizard worked for 22 or 23 months, then quit. The
>>> >> flash–card reader works fine – through WE. I would rather use the Wizard
>>> >> as
>>> >> it's much faster than WE to download the pictures. How can I make this
>>> >> problem any plainer?
>>> >>
>>> >> > As for the problem of not being able to download critical updates to
>>> >> > XP because of SP2: This is EXACTLY what SP2 was designed to do: STOP
>>> >> > you from downloading updates IF you have a PIRATED key or installation

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> >>> of XP.
> >>
> >> ** Oh, get real!!!! I have the KEY number from HP and the 6 CDs to
> >> reinstall the OS. I find that comment very insulting.
> >>
> >>> I would personally have your key CHECKED with Microsoft to make sure
> >>> it is legitimate.
> >>
> >> ** How? Are you saying HP installed a pirated copy of XP on my PC?
> >>
> >> FS~
> =====
> > Please forgive me for my seeming inference that you might have
> > pirated software with your knowledge and cooperation. I did not mean
> > to make this inference. It was an accident of my choice of words. I
> > only meant to explain to you that it was possible to have a pirated
> > key without your, or HP's, knowledge.
>
> ## How and where would I check this? How can I know? I trust HP would give
> me a legal copy of W–XP. The PC was bought new from CompUSA. I can't see
> how an illegal copy could have been installed.

Microsoft has a website to check your CD key. Submit it to:
<http://www.microsoft.com/genuine/downloads/whyValidate.aspx>
Just click on the first button on the page. It will ask for your
product key. Just enter it as it was released to you.

I think it is a Java control, not an ActiveX control. But I'm not
sure. I have no problem using ActiveX on my installation of XP w/SP2

> > Anything is possible.
> >
> > For example:
> > A few months ago, Microsoft STOPPED allowing certain OEM versions of
> > XP(such as HP's) to be activated via the Internet. It seems that 20
> > or so large system builders' CD keys were being HEAVILY pirated. So
> > it IS possible for your key to be one of the pirated keys. This is
> > not HP's fault, nor is it Microsoft's. It would just be a coincidence
> > of the market–place. Microsoft took this action to protect it's
> > patents, trademarks, and profits.
> > I would definitely check your key with Microsoft to make sure it is
> > legitimate. I would do it if it were mine, and I do check it, from
> > time to time.
>
> ## Geeze!!!! I believe you. How can I check with MS to be sure I have a
> legal copy? I bought this PC in August of 2003.
>
> > As for your scanner. I have found that it is best to use the
> > manufacturer of your scanner's software to use the scanner, rather
> > than Microsoft's.
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- > ## I do. I use Epson's software and the parser so it works with XP.
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- > Also make sure you are using the latest software
- >> and drivers for your scanner model. It IS possible for SP2 to have
- >> "broken" some scanner software. Check with HP to make sure you have
- >> any fixes for their software.
- >
- > ## I always but since installing SP2 I can no longer get downloads from HP
- > or MS. It's something about Active–X controls. I click to allow them if
- > given the choice (seldom) – but SP2's security does not allow them. I can
- > no longer use those websites to download anything – nor can I have helpful
- > websites SCAN my PC for worms and Trojans anymore. I've lost control of my
- > PC since installing SP2.
- >
- >> It is possible, if you are using the driver originally supplied with
- >> XP, that it was "broken" by SP2. Contact HP support to make sure you
- >> have a driver and software which is rated to work with SP2.
- >
- > ## See above. As long as SP2 is on this machine and I can't disable it to
- > allow downloads from HP and MS, I can't get any updates, patches etc. Sp2
- > doesn't allow any scans to help find problems either. I think I have to
- > get SP 2 off my system so I can once again get the critical patches,
- > updates, scans etc..... there doesn't seem to be any setting in SP2 to fix
- > this Active–X problem.

I am sure that your ActiveX problem is not caused by SP2 itself, since millions of people have installed it with no subsequent problems with ActiveX. I would CERTAINLY not use any other browser than Internet Explorer to update Windows (especially since 99.99% of them don't implement ActiveX).

There is a possibility that you don't have ActiveX properly configured in InternetExplorer. Check with someone very knowledgeable about WindowsXP about how to FULLY implement ActiveX in Internet Explorer under SP2.

As a last resort, you COULD just uninstall SP2, unless you have deleted the installation files to save space on your HD.

But of course, if SP2 was slipstreamed at the factory with your OS, you will be unable to uninstall SP2. In that case, only a clean install of XP (or another OS) will work

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