

Re: Upgrade from Windows 98 to XP

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Those are minimum requirements, and you would not be satisfied with the performance of your system. If you have a Pentium II 400 MHz that's a bit borderline, and you should have at least 256MB RAM. If your system is 6 years old, it's possible that some of the hardware might not have Windows XP compatible drivers. About that time, Gateway was using Ensoniq sound cards which do not have XP drivers, and some of the Display Adapters that Gateway was shipping about that time are also Windows XP orphans. You might want to go to the Microsoft site and run the Compatibility Advisor for Windows XP.

If it turns out that some of your hardware isn't compatible, and you also have to pay for the Windows XP upgrade, that could almost add up to the price of a new Dell \$499 "As Advertised" special, which has an over 2.4 GHz Pentium 4 processor, If you catch those specials on the right week, you can also get free CD burner, free double memory, and free shipping, and sometimes a free upgrade to a Flat Screen monitor, on a system that's designed to run Windows XP. I bought my Dell on a week when they were offering all of the above, plus a \$100 mail in rebate, which I used to upgrade integrated audio to Sound Blaster Live and to upgrade the speaker system. The "As Advertised" specials change weekly. I only mention the above as being an alternative if the cost to upgrade your system to Windows XP is close to that amount.

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"JimH" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:D9EF4C96-C383-41A6-91CB-FE5F492978A4@microsoft.com...

> My 1998 Gateway system meets the requirements for XP (Pentium II, 400MHz, 128MB Ram, etc.) and am considering upgrade to XP from 98. I have two big hard drives; C: contains Windows 98 and some frequently used programs like Word, Access, Excel and my big photograph album program. I use the D: hard drive for lesser used programs and for backing up my pictures. There is plenty of space on both drives. I am concerned about loading XP over 98 on C: and generally about what this process may do to existing files. What is recommended for backing up files and/or programs? Is putting them on the D: drive sufficient? Is the upgrade process a piece of cake or can it be fraught with problems?

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