

Re: Removing XP, replace with Windows 98

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Joe O wrote:

> *I'm trying to re-format and re-partition my new PC to
> remove XP and install Windows 98. At the C: prompt,
> format C: doesn't allow me to do that. How can I clean
> my hard drive to 1 partion so I can install 98?*

I can think of four reasons why this is a ridiculous idea.

- 1) **ALL** support for 98 has ceased. It is an obsolete OS and MS no longer supports it (and I'm not even sure the 98 version of Windows Update still functions).
- 2) Your system has been built to be specifically Windows XP-compatible. Many hardware manufacturers no longer support 98 and have ceased production of drivers, especially for new hardware. Therefore you'll probably find that 98 doesn't support many of your new devices.
- 3) You are installing an inherently unstable OS on new hardware. Windows 98 has no support for LBA and, depending on the size of the drive, you may find that half your hard drive goes 'missing'.
- 4) You will completely void your warranty – both hardware and software. You will be charged (usually by the minute) for every call to your manufacturer's tech support line. Microsoft won't support you as all support for 98 ended over 2½ years ago. If something fails, you will be charged for the replacement, labour as well as shipping and handling.

My I ask why on earth you are contemplating doing something so silly? You can dual boot, you know.

But, if your wallet is bottomless, you go for it.