

Re: Windows XP Serial Numbers

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"Mark" <mestes1056@aol.com> wrote in message
news:6b8401c42edd\$2f68bd60\$a501280a@phx.gbl...
> *When I purchased my PC, no Windows XP manual or CDs were*
> *included.*
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> *I'm having problems with my computer and would like to*
> *attempt to completely reinstall Windows. However, I*
> *don't have any CDs to do this.*
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> *I have proof of purchase of my PC. However, I'm not sure*
> *how I can get the serial numbers for my copy of XP when*
> *I'm having problems with task bar (see previous message)*
> *and can't even access My Computer or My Control Panel.*
>
> *Is there any way I can find out the serial numbers from*
> *the Windows desktop?*
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> *If I contact Microsoft with the serial numbers, will they*
> *even provide me with a set of installation CDs?*
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> *Any info you have on the subject would be appreciated!*

Two things.

If you bought a brand name computer the Product Key should be on a sticker located someplace on the box.

HP as well as some other manufacturers provide the OEM software VIA a hidden partition on the HD, read your manual as to how you access it.

If you can't locate the sticker with the Product Key on it try one of these links to retrieve the key off your computer:

Key Finder: <http://www.magicaljellybean.com/keyfinder.shtml>

or

Aida32: <http://www.aida32.hu/aida32.php>

The manufacturer (if it is the partition type OEM) will send you a CD for around 10 bucks.

HP I know includes a utility that allows you to make your OEM CD from the

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partition if you have a CD burner installed. Otherwise contact the manufacturer as they are required to provide the software to you.

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If I can help you I will.

If you can help me thanks.

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****Useful Links****

AdAware: www.lavasoftusa.com/software/adaware/

Spybot S & D: www.safer-networking.org/

Check for Parasites/Worms: www.gemal.dk/browserspy/parasites.html

CWShredder: <http://www.spywareinfo.com/~merijn/downloads.html>