

Re: Corrupted Registry in Win XP Pro

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Tegan wrote:

>Windows XP will not load even in safe mode due to a
>corrupted registry. I will be rebooting my system with the
>disk. The original install was an upgrade from Win ME to
>Win XP Pro. Although, I do not have the original disk, I
>recently moved and lost the XP Pro disc in the move. My
>question is this: When I go to reinstall windows XP Pro,
>do I have to use the Upgrade version, or can I do the Full
>Version, since it was originally done as an upgrade?

If you have a Win ME or 98 'retail' CD (not a OEM restore one) you can show it to an XP Upgrade CD's setup program as the needed evidence when you use it for a New Install, formatting the disk. If you only have a restore one you would have to restore with it first.

But the important matter in licensing is the Product Key – the 25 character one. If you find that out (eg by getting and running the free Everest Home edition from <http://www.lavalys.com/index.php?page=product&view=1> – its Operating System – Operating system page) and note your Product ID from Control Panel – System, you should be able to call MSoft support and get a replacement CD for a nominal charge. If that is an Upgrade one, or you have to buy an upgrade one in the end, and also have no 98/ME CD, you could then look for a cheap Win98 CD on eBay say as the evidence

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