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I got this from Gateway and it worked like a charm for me:

Repair Installation (Windows XP Already Installed)

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Note: Steps 3 and 4 of these instructions reference the folder where Windows is located after a reinstallation – C:\Windows. If Windows has not been reinstalled, these steps need to be performed from the C:\WINNT folder instead. This is the folder Windows resides in after the original factory load.

>From the Start menu, click Run.

In the Run dialog box, in the Open text box, type: cmd. Click OK.

Delete the undo_gui mode.txt file. In the C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe dialog box, type: del /a /f c:\windows\system32\undo_gui mode.txt. Press the ENTER key.

Note: If a "Could not find C:\Windows\System32\Undo_gui mode.txt" message appears, then the file was not created. Proceed to step 4.

In the C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe dialog box, type: exit. Press ENTER.

Note: For additional information about why the preceding steps are necessary, refer to Microsoft TechNet article Q312369.

Verify that the computer is turned off, and then disconnect all USB devices such as a printer, scanner, or camera. This does not include a USB mouse or keyboard.

Start up the computer with the Operating System CD in the CD-ROM drive. When prompted to start from the CD, press any key. If you miss the message and arrive at a blinking cursor, restart the computer and try pressing any key again when the message appears.

Windows XP Setup prepares to run. If you need to install a third-party SCSI or RAID driver, press the F6 key during startup.

The option for an Automated System Recovery appears momentarily.

Setup loads the files necessary for the installation, and then starts Windows.

The Microsoft® Windows® XP Home Edition Setup screen appears. Press ENTER to set up Windows XP now.

The End User License Agreement (EULA) appears. Press the F8 key to accept the EULA.

Windows Setup detects a previous installation of Windows XP. Press the R key to repair the installation.

A Setup screen appears briefly stating that Setup is examining the hard drive.

The Windows XP Home Edition Setup screen shows the progress of file copying. Setup initializes the Windows XP configuration.

The Windows XP Home Edition Setup screen shows that this portion of Setup is complete. The Operating System CD remains in the drive, but remove any floppy disks. Press ENTER to restart the computer or wait until the computer restarts automatically.

The computer restarts. If you are prompted to "boot from CD", do not press any keys. Allow the computer to start uninterrupted. By "booting to CD", the setup process starts over again.

The computer restarts and Windows Setup reaches the Installing Windows phase.

In the Windows XP Home Setup dialog box, select I accept this agreement, and then click Next.

Setup starts and continues various file copying tasks.

In the Windows XP Home Edition Setup dialog box, review the regional and language options, and then click Next.

Type your full name and the name of your company or organization, if applicable, and then click Next.

If necessary, type the name of your computer or accept the default option, and then click Next.

Type the correct modem dialing information, and then click Next.

Check the date and time settings. Type the correct information, and then click Next.

If a network card is installed, the Network Settings screen appears. On the Network Settings screen, select Typical settings, and then click Next.

Note: After Windows XP is installed, use the Network Wizard to finalize settings.

Windows Setup continues copying files.

After files are copied, the computer restarts. If you are prompted to "boot from CD", do not press any keys. Allow the computer to start uninterrupted. By "booting to CD", the setup process starts over again.

In the Display Settings dialog box, click OK.

Note: This dialog box and the following Monitor Settings dialog box may not open, depending on the video configuration in the computer.

In the Monitor Settings dialog box, click OK.

Setup returns to a Windows environment with a Welcome screen. Click Next.

If there is a network interface controller (NIC) in the computer, Windows XP checks for Internet connectivity on the network.

On the How will this computer connect to the Internet screen, click Skip.

Use the Internet Connection Wizard after the installation is completed.

Note: This screen only appears if there is a NIC in the computer.

Windows Setup prompts you to register online. Registration is optional. If you do not want to register now, select No, not at this time, and then click Next. If you choose to register at this time, registration information is collected.

If a modem is installed, Windows Setup prompts you to set up Internet access now. Select No, not at this time, and then click Next.

Windows Setup needs to know who is going to use this computer. Type the appropriate names, and then click Next.

Note: The user names typed here appear in alphabetical order on the Welcome screen.

On the Thank you screen, click Finish.

Windows Setup transitions to the desktop and briefly displays a Welcome screen.

Note: If more than one user was entered on the Who will use this computer screen, you have to choose a user to log on.

The Windows XP installation is complete. The Windows XP desktop appears.

Remove the blue Operating System CD, and then insert the red Drivers CD into the the CD-ROM drive.

In the System Restoration Kit window, select the Select all check box, and then click Install.

Upon completion of the driver installations, remove the red Drivers CD, and then insert the yellow Applications CD, disc 1 of 2, into the CD-ROM drive.

In the System Restoration Kit window, select the appropriate applications, and then click Install.

Note: Depending on the configuration of the computer, you may not be prompted for disc 2.

The applications are installed. The installation is finished.

"kyle" <kylem22az@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:6eb101c42fb3\$f9ba3cc0\$a401280a@phx.gbl...

> *i need to know how to reformat my hd on this gateway cpu,*
> *with windows xp. "please help!!"*