

Re: Need Dual-booting info: current 98se & add xp

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I think after a few weeks with XP, you won't miss 98 much anymore. Yes, I would use a dedicated partition for each OS. XP can access and use FAT32 drives. If I was you I would just image my 98 System disk (& Verify) and just do an upgrade to XP and not bother with Dual-Booting. Just run the upgrade Advisor, be prepared to buy perhaps 256 Megs of memory and a new/latest version of Anti-Virus.

You bring up an interesting point, obsolete software. You aren't alone. Thousands of Enterprise operations are facing the end of support for Windows NT 4. My wife works for a State government agency. They use Windows 95 on their desktops with Novell Netware. An application they use is dropping support for 9X O/S's, so the entire operation will have to move quickly to Windows XP just to keep using the latest version of that one application.

Windows 98 is still widely used, but it's time is nearly done. Drivers, Security patches and new applications with no 9X support are going to push users to upgrade. If the PC is 3-4 years old or older, it's probably time for a \$500 upgrade.

Perhaps Microsoft may revive the IT industry indirectly by just ending support for 9X, ME and NT.

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> *Hi:*

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> *I've always used win98se, and I want to keep it. However,*

> *several cutting-edge games require that I move up to XP.*

> *(new ATI catalyst drivers are being made for xp, but development has*

> *stopped on drivers for 98se. Also, xp will see/use more ram than 98se*

> *will.)*

> *Bottom line: I've got to add XP.*

> *I have 4 hard drives on my system. Each is 120-160GB each.*

> *Right now they are all FAT 32, but I can clear one and make it NTFS..*

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- > *1. Is it best to keep 98se on one drive, and use a completely*
- > *different drive for XP?*
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- > *2. What is the best program to use for dual-booting 98se and XP?*
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- > *3. Will XP "see" the FAT 32 drives (other than the 1 dedicated to*
- > *the 98se). Most of my games and programs are kept on a separate*
- > *drive apart from the current C (which holds 98se.) I would like XP to*
- > *be able to access these games and programs without having to make*
- > *duplicate copies of them on the xp drive.*
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- > *4. Finally, if I decide, eventually, to delete 98se, will that cause*
- > *problems? (I think most boot programs would sit on the same drive*
- > *as 98se.). (or am I wrong?)*
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- > *I have very mixed feelings about XP, but my biggest problem is*
- > *that ATI won't make drivers that support 98 or ME anymore. My 9800*
- > *Pro is being held back by older 98se drivers, and that keeps LOMAC and*
- > *FS9 from really taking off!!)*
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- > *Thanks for any help you can give me.*
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- > *dave*
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