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Greetings --

WinXP is designed to install and upgrade the existing operating system while simultaneously preserving your applications and data, and translating as many personalized settings as possible. The process is designed to be, and normally is, quite painless. That said, things can go wrong, in a small number of cases. If your data is at all important to you, back it up before proceeding.

Have you made sure that your PC's hardware components are capable of supporting WinXP? This information will be found at the PC's manufacturer's web site, and on Microsoft's Windows Catalog: (<http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/hcl/default.msp>) Additionally, run Microsoft WinXP Upgrade Advisor to see if you have any incompatible hardware components or applications.

You should, before proceeding, take a few minutes to ensure that there are WinXP device drivers available for all of the machine's components. There may not be, if the PC was specifically designed for Win98/Me. Also bear in mind that PCs designed for, sold and run fine with Win9x/Me very often do not meet WinXP's much more stringent hardware quality requirements. This is particularly true of many models in Compaq's consumer-class Presario product line or HP's consumer-class Pavilion product line. WinXP, like WinNT and Win2K before it, is quite sensitive to borderline defective or substandard hardware (particularly motherboards, RAM and *hard drives*) that will still support Win9x.

HOW TO Prepare to Upgrade Win98 or WinMe

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:Q316639>

Upgrading to Windows XP

<http://aumha.org/win5/a/xpupgrad.htm>

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"Ockerr" <ockerr@yahoo.com> wrote in message

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>I have won XPpro in a Raffle. At present I am running windows 98se
>and I

> would like to Use the Xp Cd and Install Xppro. As my Computer is all
> set up

> and and I dont want to lose any of my programs and settings I would
> rather

> tackle a Upgrade than a clean Installation of Windows XP. My
> Computer has

> the correct specs to handle Xp. Its Just that I dont want to lose my
> settings and programs that I have at the moment and I Just wouldnt
> like to

> go through all the hassle of trying to start from scratch again.. so
> if

> anyone has done it and knows the secrets its much appreciated.

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> Thanks

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