

## Re: Cloning window

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> "shawn michael" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message  
> news:81c501c484b6\$3c420350\$a601280a@phx.gbl...  
> / I used to use Norton ghost to clone 98 and use it on  
> / another pc. Let's say if intend to clone xp, can it be  
> / done? Will there be any issue pertaining to activation?

"David H. Lipman" <DLipman~nospam~@Verizon.Net> wrote in message  
news:ew2gjeLhEHA.3928@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...  
> You can *ONLY* clone like computer models. Dell GX240 to Dell GX240, Dell  
GX400 to Dell  
> GX400, etc...  
> If two platforms have 95% of the same motherboard chip—sets you *may* be  
able to clone  
> between two dissimilar models but, it is not too likely.  
> If you do succeed, you should SysPrep the platform w/SysPrep v2.0 and  
check the "already  
> activated" box.  
>  
> Dave

Shawn:

Using Ghost 2003 you most certainly can clone the contents of that XP operating system from one hard drive to another hard drive and install the cloned drive in another machine, assuming there are no OEM considerations that may come into play. My comments pertain to transferring the cloned drive between generic, i.e., non-OEM machines. If you're working with OEM computers, e.g., Dell, HP-Compaq, Sony, etc., there may be OEM system limitations that prevent transferring a cloned hard drive from one machine to another. It's

an area that I've had virtually no experience with, so I cannot intelligently comment on whether there would be any problems arising because you're working with OEM equipment. Perhaps others can comment on this.

You'll then try to boot with the cloned HD and if you're lucky you'll be able to boot to a Desktop. I've found it's something of a crapshoot as to whether it will boot on the new machine. I haven't been able to discern a

common thread as to why in some cases it will boot and in other cases it won't. I've experienced bootups where virtually every component in the "new" machine is different from the "old" machine. In other instances that I've encountered, even where major components (motherboard, processor, hard drive, etc.) were identical between the two machines, the system refused to boot.

Based on my experience, there's a strong likelihood you will not get a boot. In that instance you will find it necessary to perform a Repair install using the XP installation CD. I assume you know, or shortly will know, how to undertake a Repair install. If you don't, there's plenty of info on the net (and within this newsgroup) on how to undertake that operation.

Understand that regardless of whether you can get a successful initial boot or failing that, need to perform a Repair install, in nearly every case you will still have to Activate your new XP install notwithstanding the fact that the XP OS on the cloned drive was previously Activated. Since you're installing XP in a new machine, Activation is necessary.

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