

RE: New Computer, No Original Win XP disk

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If you want a clean installation of Windows on an OEM machine, you either need a licensed copy of XP to install and then you need to download and install all the manufacturers drivers separately. It's much easier and nearly as effective to use the base installation (if yours has problems there could be corruption on the recovery partition. Contact the manufacturer for a set of recovery disks and try from there) then uninstall the garbage they include in the image. It's a pain but it works for most of the junk they include.

"Stephen" wrote:

- > *I bought a new computer and it doesn't have a disk with the original Win XP software on it. There is a partition on the hard drive that will allow me to re-image the computer like it was when it shipped, but that brings back all the original manufacturer installed garbage and it damages all the installed software... I know I should have built my own, but this had all the features and was cheaper...*
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- > *How do I make an installable copy of the Windows software I own? I have a CDW drive and floppy. I'm researching imaging software like Norton Ghost, is that the best way to go? But I really just want to be able to re-install Win XP if I need to. I've recently upgraded to Win XP Sp2 if that helps.*
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- > *Next Question: can I tell Windows to place the contents of My Documents on a partition or my extra internal hard drive? Is that a good idea if I want to keep that drive only as back up for my files, should I periodically just copy them to the second drive? Yes, I have two physical hard drives, I pulled the one from my old computer before I sold it for parts. Thanks in advance for the advice.*
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