

Re: XP Home Activation

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"Anyone else feel the same?"

NOT HERE!

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Regards:

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"D.R." <D.R. @ NZ> wrote in message

news:IpN%c.336\$JQ4.42344@news.xtra.co.nz...

> Man oh man. I just upgraded a friends pc. All I did was stick a bigger CPU
> and a

> little more RAM. Upon boot it asks me to re-activate online. What a

> steaming

> pile of XP this is. It wouldn't let me login to setup up LAN or Modem, but

> just

> as well LAN set to DHCP. I connect to the internet by plugging into my

> ADSL

> connection. MS server not available! So I let it dial up a local number

> via the

> modem. Their modem answers ok, but the server still not available. What a

> crock!

> So I have to phone an automated number, feed it a slew of numbers, write

> down

> their numbers and enter by hand.

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> All this takes valuable time... and for what? Upgrade 2 parts and MS

> consider

> it a new pc? What right have they got to dictate whether or not we can

> upgrade

> part on our own machines? I mean, you cannot activate more than x times,

> right?

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> I resent that Microsoft make us, the consumer, pay for their own

> protection. I

> mean, it's the equivalent to some firm installing a burglar alarm on their

> premises and making us, the consumer, pay for it.

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> What makes it much worse is that MS use us, the consumer, as guinea pigs

> to test

> their products. I mean, we buy their product, find it is faulty, and then

> have

> to download a patch every so often to fix their mistakes. When I installed

> 2003

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> Server last year, I looked up the help files included on the CD only to
> find
> that parts I needed info on had not been written yet even though they
> appeared
> on the index/contents of the help. Many parts were incomplete/to be
> continued.
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> This seals it... I refuse to buy another MS product ever again. While I
> install
> XP on peoples machines as part of my daily job, my home pc will stay as a
> 98SE +
> Linux box until 98 doesn't suit me and then it'll be a dedicated Linux
> box.
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> Anyone else feel the same?
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> D.R.
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