

Re: XP Home Activation

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"What right have they got to dictate whether or not we can upgrade part on our own machines?"

This is how. You do remember clicking on "I accept" right?

Section 1 of EULA states

"* Mandatory Activation. The license rights granted under this

EULA are limited to the first thirty (30) days after you first install the Product unless you supply information required to activate your licensed copy

in

the manner described during the setup sequence of the Product. You can activate the Product through the

use

of the Internet or telephone; toll charges may apply.

You may also need to reactivate the Product if you modify

your computer hardware or alter the Product. There are

technological measures in this Product that are designed

to prevent unlicensed or illegal use of the Product.

You agree that we may use those measures."

Also all hardware changes do not have to be made at the same time, If you change ram and cpu today he could have changed say a video card 1 year ago and will "usually" prompt for activation after 3 changes.

Tan.

>-----Original Message-----

>"Anyone else feel the same?"

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>*NOT HERE!*
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>*Regards:*
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>*Richard Urban*
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>*aka Crusty (-: Old B@stard :-)*
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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*

>> *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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