

Re: XP Service Pack 2

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A blanket statement of "do not install" is usually bad information especially if no reasons are given.

It certainly does not apply to all and with no more information is little more than scare mongering.

Laptops are largely proprietary and thus the manufacturer should be consulted before installing as major as a Service Pack.

Many giving Service Pack information routinely suggest contacting the manufacturer especially with laptops.

If the manufacturer says there are no problems and you still experience issues, then something is probably wrong with the computer, probably hardware, possible memory.

If the manufacturer says to wait, then you should wait for the manufacturer to provide a fix such as HP has done for Service Pack support.

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"bretsharon" <bretsharon@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:A91E63D6-BCA6-4E8A-9C32-B1416A21FBC5@microsoft.com...

>I have had significant problems with Toshiba Laptop and SP2. My >techy also

> says don't install, but he did not get to me fast enough. It seems > to shut

> down the LAN card and you get a boot sector error. I see this error > on

> several machines at toshiba\compuserve website, particularly on this > model.

> First Toshiba led me thru some fix, which was not difficult. I > asked how do

> I stop this from happening, they said call them back. When it > happened

> again, their fix didn't work and things got much worse.

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> I reinstalled the set up disks toshiba sends along with its

> computer, > refomatted etc.

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> It happened again, and this time a reformatted but installed XP > generic off

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> the shelf, and updated to SP2. It crashed again. I was able to
> recover on
> restore system.
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> Bottomline do not use SP2
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> You heard the joke that Clinton got a call from God saying he was
> coming.
> Clinton told the staff that the good news is that god called him,
> but the bad
> news is that Clinton did not live a good life.
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> Castro called his staff, saying god called him, but he had not been
> good
> either.
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> Bill Gates called his staff and said I have good news and even
> better news.
> God called me and the world is over, but the Best news is that we do
> not have
> to fix Windows OS.
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> I think this applies to SP2
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> "Jupiter Jones [MVP]" wrote:
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>> That person does not sound like much of a tech.
>> Exactly what issues does the tech feel Microsoft should resolve
>> that
>> are not already resolved?
>> See if you can get facts from the tech as to why SP-2 is bad for
>> your
>> computer (not computers in general) and not just his fears because
>> of
>> his inability to properly support you.
>> Better yet find a competent tech.
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>> The SP-2 available today is identical to the SP-2 available in a
>> year.
>> If you wait, you need to research your specific hardware and
>> software
>> for possible SP-2 issues.
>> If you wait and do nothing, you are wasting time.
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>> Many potential issues are resolved by simple reconfigurations.
>> Others are resolved by updated drivers or patches from the
>> respective
>> manufacturers.
>> Many others can be prevented by making sure your computer is ready
>> for
>> SP-2:
>> <http://www3.telus.net/dandemar/spackins.htm>
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>> "zombiecrom" <zombiecrom@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in
>> message
>> news:25181F76-AC5D-4CDE-B545-4AE582432B80@microsoft.com...
>> > I've been told by some IT pros that the XP Service Pack 2 has

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>> > some
>> > serious
>> > problems. It's causing real system crashes and program errors
>> > that
>> > result in
>> > having to reformat the HD. They recomended that I do not install
>> > the update
>> > until MS resolves the issues. Is anyone aware of these problems?
>> > If so,
>> > what do you recommend?
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