

## Re: Maybe to involved. Got to ask.

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I heard that Dells were okay as long as you didn't get a cheap one. (The cheap ones come with Celerons anyway) I also know a family member who's hard drive went out in their Dell and Dell would send a replacement, but it was up to you to have it installed, so you would either have to know how to install a hard drive or spend quite a bit of money to have someone else put one in unless you're lucky enough to have a family member that could do it and wouldn't charge you much for it. Installing a hard drive is easy as long as you know what you're doing.

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> "stan" <SEDNCID@myomy.com> wrote:

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>>I can get a good deal on a laptop machine, legit, HP Pavilion 1.6GHz Intel

>>Inside Centrino Processor 60G hard drive. My questions.

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>>1.If I installed a router in my home desk top unit would I be able to

>>access

>>some files on my desk top from my laptop, and the high speed internet

>>connections, I have cable modem.

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> What you would do is to buy a router that would connect directly to  
> your cable modem. You would then connect both your computers to the  
> router. (Or use a combination router and wireless access point, in  
> which case you'd probably connect the desktop to the router with an  
> ethernet cable, and have the laptop connect wirelessly. That's what I  
> do. Works great!) In this scenario, both computers have complete  
> access to the Internet connection, and the two share resources with  
> each other. Yes, you'd be able to access files on the desktop from the  
> laptop, the laptop could use the desktop's printer, etc.

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>>2. It comes with WINXP. I know it's going to be OEM, can I install a full

>>version that I intend to purchase. I believe it must be a full not

>>upgrade.

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> Why? That won't get you anything. The OEM system has licensing  
> encumbrances (it can't be transferred to another machine), but it will  
> work perfectly well on your laptop. You will gain absolutely nothing

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- > *by installing a retail version. You will only waste your time. Don't*
- > *bother. Besides, the laptop as delivered to you has all the proper*
- > *drivers for it's built-in, proprietary hardware. Installing a retail*
- > *OS will risk screwing that up.*
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