

## Re: upgrading to windows xp professional upgrade error

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Thanks Bruce,

Ya I do have an original win 98 disk.

The pc has an 8 gig scsi hard drive, basically I have all my hardware (pro microtek scanner, large format printer and card readers, external cd-rw and external hard drive 80 gig). Windows 98 se actually runs it very well but I'd like to use xp pro for the security on my network. Other than the hard drive and motherboard everything else is new (usb card, network cards, video and passed the upgrade advisor. the only drivers I need to add is for the scanner.

"Bruce Chambers" <[bruce\\_a\\_chambers@h0tmail.com](mailto:bruce_a_chambers@h0tmail.com)> wrote in message news:%23YUsfLqFFHA.3244@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...

> *john martin wrote:*

>> *I purchased a copy of windows xp professional upgrade and I'm upgrading  
>> an PII-400 w/512 mg of ram. No hardware problems the advisor says. But it  
>> crashes when I try to install.*

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> *"Glacial" is the term that comes to my mind, I'm afraid. If you turn  
> off all of WinXP GUI eye-candy, it will still be very slow, but it might  
> usable for simple word processing, email, web-browsing, etc. It won't be  
> any good for graphics-intensive applications, and most newer games.  
> (During the public preview period, I tested WinXP on a 500 MHz machine  
> with 256 Mb of RAM, and it was slower than I like.) Of course, "adequate  
> performance" is a subjective standard. Performance that I would find  
> wholly inadequate might seem just fine for you. (Or vice-versa.) Also,  
> the hard drive really is too small. WinXP will need to use 1.5 Gb or  
> more, just for the OS. If you're planning on installing any applications,  
> there won't be much room left for data.*

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> *1) Right-click the Task Bar > Properties > Start Menu, ensure "Classic  
> Start menu" is selected.*

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> *2) Right-click an empty spot on the Desktop > Properties > Themes >  
> select "Windows Classic."*

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> 3) Right-click My Computer > Properties > Performance > Settings > Visual  
> Effects, ensure "Adjust for best performance" is selected.  
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> However, with a PC this old, it's essential to make sure it's  
> components are WinXP-compatible *\_before\_* proceeding. Have you ensured  
> that all the PC's components are capable of supporting WinXP? This  
> information will be found at each of the PC's component's manufacturer's  
> web sites, and on Microsoft's Catalog:  
> (<http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/hcl/default.mspx>). Computer components  
> designed for use with Win9x/Me very often fail to meet WinXP's much more  
> stringent hardware quality requirements.  
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> Can you obtain OS-specific device drivers for your PC's components,  
> and any necessary motherboard BIOS updates? Additionally, you can  
> download and run Microsoft WinXP Upgrade Advisor to see if you have any  
> incompatible hardware components.  
> <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/home/howtobuy/upgrading/advisor.asp>  
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>> I have windows 98 se upgrade with the original path being windows 95. I  
>> know the drill on that one. I own a windows 98, 4.10 disk, also.  
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> Did you made sure that your PC's hardware components are capable  
> of supporting WinXP? This information will be found at the PC's  
> manufacturer's web site, and on Microsoft's Windows Catalog:  
> (<http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/hcl/default.mspx>) Additionally, run  
> Microsoft WinXP Upgrade Advisor to see if you have any incompatible  
> hardware components or applications.  
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> Also bear in mind that PCs designed for, sold and run fine with  
> Win9x/Me very often do not meet WinXP's much more stringent hardware  
> quality requirements. This is particularly true of many models in  
> Compaq's consumer-class Presario product line or HP's consumer-class  
> Pavilion product line. WinXP, like WinNT and Win2K before it, is quite  
> sensitive to borderline defective or substandard hardware (particularly  
> motherboards, RAM and hard drives) that will still support Win9x.  
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> HOW TO Prepare to Upgrade Win98 or WinMe  
> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:Q316639>  
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> Upgrading to Windows XP  
> <http://aumha.org/win5/a/xpupgrad.htm>  
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> HOW TO Troubleshoot Windows XP Problems During Installation When You  
> Upgrade from Windows 98 or Windows Me  
> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB:en-us:q310064>  
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>> My question is can I do a clean install without installing my windows 98

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>> *disk, first? Will the windows xp upgrade ask for my original windows 98*  
>> *disk during the install like previous versions of windows did.*  
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> *It's quite possible to perform a clean installation using the*  
> *Upgrade CD, provided you have the true installation CD for the earlier*  
> *OS.*  
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> *Simply boot from the WinXP Upgrade CD. You'll be offered the*  
> *opportunity to delete, create, and format partitions as part of the*  
> *installation process. The Upgrade CD checks to see if a qualifying OS*  
> *is installed, and, if it finds none, it asks you to insert the*  
> *installation media (CD) of that OS. Unfortunately, an OEM*  
> *"Recovery/Restore" CD will not work for this purpose; you must have a*  
> *true installation CD, complete with the "\Win98" folder and \*.cab*  
> *files, or the "\i386" folder of WinNT/2K.*  
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>> *I want to try it but I have alot of hardware installed on this machine*  
>> *and it was a mess getting windows 98 to see it all (photo media system).*  
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> *Make sure that you've disconnected all non-essential peripheral hardware*  
> *components (scanners, printers, external storage devices, etc.) before*  
> *attempting the OS installation. Then, reconnect these devices, one at a*  
> *time, after you've successfully installed and updated the OS.*  
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> *Bruce Chambers*  
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> *Help us help you:*  
> <http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>  
> <http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>  
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> *You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on having*  
> *both at once. – RAH*