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Windows XP has "Families" of CD types, Retail, OEM and VLK (Volume License Key, sometimes referred to as Corporate XP). Keys are designed to work only with the matching CD-ROM type.

If your system has a complete i386 folder, which many OEM's place on the System Partition it is possible to build an installation CD. It will not be bootable, but you can download and use a set of XP Boot Floppies to initiate the install and transfer the install process to the i386 folder on the CD-R disk. The i386 folder will have ~520+ Megabytes of content, containing 5000 or more files and sub-folders. This number will vary depending on how the OEM has modified the content.

"DesignGuy" <dontbother@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:5Mone.367\\$o.214@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:5Mone.367$o.214@xxxxxxxxxxxx)

> Is it possible to reinstall Windows XP – legally – on a computer without
> having the original CD that came with the machine?

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> Do you use any WinXP CD and then enter the serial number that is sometimes
> on a sticker on the side of the computer case, or is there another method?

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• **References:**

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