

Re: Product Activation and Partition copies

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kurttrail wrote:

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Chris Bennett wrote:

I have just bought a copy of XP Pro SP2.

Currently I use Win98SE and have three "C" partitions on my machine. All have Windows 98 on them.

The first partition is my production version of Win98SE.

When I want to test new software (or an upgrade), I copy my production Windows into the second partition. Then I reboot to that partition and run my test. The other "C" partitions are hidden so my "D" and "E" hard drives never get remapped.

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My question is:

Will this work OK with Windows XP Professional SP2 without triggering product activation? (I will load XP into partition 1 and activate before I do any partition copying)

Can I have 3 copies of Windows XP - one in each partition. I usually boot into partition 3 to run Partition Magic Pro 7 since it does not have to boot into DOS mode to copy partition 1 to partition 2? Chris

It appears that you are used to ignoring MS's EULA, please correct me if I am wrong. But I won't say that is right or wrong until its brought before a judge and a ruling ensues.

You can install XP to different partitions on the same computer however clones may or may not work depending on your (or your boot manager's) expertise. Product activation will be a problem if you intend to activate multiple copies using the same XP key. MS has coded XP to prevent you from doing what I suspect you want to do. They want you to purchase each and every instance of their OS. Doesn't mean you can't do it but it won't be easy and you are probably in the wrong forum to ask for help.

John

Actually PA should be no problem at all since XP is being installed on the same hardware.

True it **shouldn't** be, but your'e milage may vary. The op's clone idea needs a boot loader to make the clone think its still in the same partition for smooth sailing. New installs need activated and it sounds like the op is the type to set everything up at the same time and not wait 120 days between installs. That was the problem set I was trying to point out.

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No. I sounds like he takes the same already activated image and restores that image to the other partitions.

PLUS, even assuming you to be totally right, and the OP is installing the OS three times, the 120 day activation server reset doesn't come into play since it each install is on the same hardware.

No if the OP was installing 3 times on 3 different computers, THEN the 120 day rule is ineffect, but all that does is disallow internet activation. Through Phone Activation all three installs can be activated, if you know what you are doing.

Lie - that may work. But if you get the same rep that you talked to once or twice before that day it may not.

If you put a new install on it *must* be activated within 30 days or it stops working. It dosen't matter if you have 20 XP's already running on that same comp. If you don't know that then you are blowing hot air -or- have never actually installed XP.

John

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