

## Re: I have a license question

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I decided the best thing to do was buy a new full version of win xp for the new system then I will leave this system as is for my daughter

Belle

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- > Normally, and assuming a retail license (many OEM installations are
- > BIOS-locked to a specific chipset and therefore not transferable to a new
- > motherboard – check yours before starting), unless the new motherboard is
- > virtually identical (same chipset, same IDE controllers, same BIOS
- > version, etc.) to the one on which the WinXP installation was originally
- > performed, you'll need to perform a repair (a.k.a. in-place upgrade)
- > installation, at the very least:
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- > How to Perform an In-Place Upgrade of Windows XP
- > <http://support.microsoft.com/directory/article.asp?ID=KB;EN-US;Q315341>
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- > The "why" is quite simple, really, and has nothing to do with
- > licensing issues, per se; it's a purely technical matter, at this point.
- > You've pulled the proverbial hardware rug out from under the OS. (If you
- > don't like — or get — the rug analogy, think of it as picking up a Cape
- > Cod style home and then setting it down onto a Ranch style foundation. It
- > just isn't going to fit.) WinXP, like Win2K before it, is not nearly as
- > "promiscuous" as Win9x when it comes to accepting any old hardware
- > configuration you throw at it. On installation it "tailors" itself to the
- > specific hardware found. This is one of the reasons that the entire
- > WinNT/2K/XP OS family is so much more stable than the Win9x group.
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- > As always when undertaking such a significant change, back up any
- > important data before starting.
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- > This will also probably require re-activation, unless you have a
- > Volume Licensed version of WinXP Pro installed. If it's been more than
- > 120 days since you last activated that specific Product Key, you'll most
- > likely be able to activate via the Internet without problem. If it's been
- > less, you might have to make a 5 minute phone call.

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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

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    ◇ *From:* Paul Knudsen

• *References:*

- ◆ [\*Re: I have a license question\*](#)  
    ◇ *From:* Bruce Chambers

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