

Re: OEM Reinstall

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An OEM "recovery" disk will only do a "recovery" installation. Now if you had an OEM operating system disk, as opposed to a recovery disk, you'd be in business.

"Dapper Dan" <dapperdan@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:uBSfchzDGHA.2040@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

- > Just a short note to advise others who plan on doing what I had intended,
- > and that is, that I did a reinstall of an OEM 'puter but did not achieve
- > either of my objectives, ie reduce bloatware and repartition a very large
- > C drive.
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- > I did a complete recovery, including a format of the drive. I did not have
- > an option to refuse the reinstallation of any of the programs/utilities. I
- > have subsequently uninstalled all that I wasn't interested in that were
- > located in Add/Remove. However what's the best way to rid myself of other
- > programs/utilities that were not included in Add/Remove but which are
- > located in my Program files (ie AOL/ Internet Signups/HP Extentended
- > Service Plans etc). Is it simply deleting any given folder or is there a
- > better approach?
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- > And of course Carey was right with respect to partitioning. Again, I did
- > not get the option of setting any partition; I was forced to use whatever
- > way it was originally setup. Thus I will have to accomplish that objective
- > with the purchase of a partitioning utility.
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- > In any event, I wanted to provide this feedback for anyone contemplating a
- > similar intention.
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- *Follow-Ups:*
 - ◆ ***Re: OEM Reinstall***
 - ◇ *From:* quirke (MVP Windows shell/user)

- **References:**

- ◆ **OEM Reinstall**

- ◇ *From:* Dapper Dan

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