

## Re: Cloning OEM XP PC's?

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"Actually, you can ghost the original system DELL or HP and you don't need to activate it when you restore your system from the images."

Not quite. I can Ghost restore the image to same PC without having to activate it. BUT if I want to restore the image to another PC I need to run Sysprep and in this case after restore the activation is required and only available via telephone.

I need to restore the image to other computers to save time with OS&application installs.

-Will

"ANONYMOUS" <[ANONYMOUS@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:ANONYMOUS@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> kirjoitti  
viestissä:43D6F56E.39E61F28@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
> Dell & HP don't normally sell you without any OS. The only company that  
> can install for you Volume Licensed OS is RM (<http://www.rm.com/>). You  
> just need to give them your VLK and they will preload the OS for you  
> before shipping. They can also clone the system for you in a hidden  
> partition.  
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> I thought DELL has started cloning its systems except that you need to  
> buy PC Restore recovery system by Symantec from DELL.  
>  
> Actually, you can ghost the original system DELL or HP and you don't  
> need to activate it when you restore your system from the images. I  
> don't know if this is what you meant!  
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> hth  
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> William Stokes wrote:  
>>  
>> Yeah.  
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>> This licensing stuff just keep getting better. I Called our PC supplier

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>> (DELL) to ask if we could purchase the PC's with no OEM OS. They said  
>> yes,  
>> sure but the price is the SAME with or without an WinXP!  
>>  
>> So if I want to start using Volume Licenses on new PC's, to avoid the  
>> product activation after cloning, do I need to acquire Windows XP volume  
>> licenses from MS reseller and pay for it full price? This would mean that  
>> I  
>> get one OS license with the OEM manufacturer and pay for another directly  
>> to  
>> Microsoft! This can't be right! What have I misunderstood? How large  
>> companies normally handle their XP licenses?  
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>> I really don't want to call to MS every time I have cloned (with Sysprep)  
>> a  
>> PC or restored one from image.  
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>> Thanks  
>> -Will  
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>> "R. McCarty" <PcEngWork-NoSpam\_@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> kirjoitti  
>> viestissä: %23io\$SXNIGHA.2680@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
>> > You've run up against once of those openings in a process that is now  
>> > plugged up. There is a problem with the unauthorized use of Product  
>> > Keys on OEM PCs. While the license key is valid, it is not used at the  
>> > factory. There the OEMs use a master image (Different Product Key)  
>> > and then apply the individual license sticker to the case or underside  
>> > of the notebook. To stop this use of the OEM keys, Microsoft has  
>> > the product activation disabled – forcing a phone call to activate. The  
>> > major OEMs (HP, Dell & Gateway) may be affected but seems to  
>> > vary between vendors. A Volume License version would be a better  
>> > choice  
>> >  
>> > "William Stokes" <will@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
>> > [news:OUW4HRNIGHA.2948@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OUW4HRNIGHA.2948@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>> >> Hello,  
>> >>  
>> >> I am trying to clone XP SP2 pc's that are purchased from HP with  
>> >> Windows  
>> >> XP OEM licence. (Atleast it think so because there's the -OEM- part in  
>> >> the product ID.)  
>> >> All PC's have the XP product key sticker with the original product key  
>> >> in  
>> >> it.  
>> >>  
>> >> After image restore (with Ghost 8.3 and Sysprep run) the XP want's me  
>> >> to  
>> >> activate the it. When I try activate it with the original product key  
>> >> from the sticker the key is invalid!  
>> >>  
>> >> Why is that? Do one need to have Volume Licenses in order to clone XP

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>> >> pc's? Is there some way to get rid of the whole activation when  
>> >> cloning  
>> >> several pc's? Can OEM XP's be cloned at all?  
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>> >> Thanks  
>> >> -Will  
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