

Re: Format hard drive on new machine, want XP only

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On Mon, 30 Jan 2006 11:29:32 -0800, "C. Olds" <C.Olds@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

>My mom just purchased a new eMachine from Best Buy. BB tried to get her to
>purchase a setup package for \$225, telling her that they would remove
>unwanted installed software and set up security features. They told her that
>only their technicians could do these things. I understand that they imbed a
>lot of junk software on the machines they sell. I am not an expert, but have
>set up several new machines. Is it possible to format the hard drive and
>install only Windows XP Home Edition from the included recovery cd without
>installing the rest of the stuff that is on there. If so, is there a good
>resource that I could use to walk me through it? Thanks for your help!

If you have say \$75, you'd be better off to hop on Ebay and get a copy of XP Home, or better yet XP Pro.

You can install that with nothing but a bare system and the CD Rom.

IT is quite easy to install. Just follow the prompts.

I recently purchased the full XP Pro (no SP 2, which I download),

for under \$60.00

Then you wouldn't need to worry about your eMachine's install s/w or recovery disks. You could just load whatever "extras" are on those other disks.

drivers, Norton, McAfee, whatever.

Good luck!

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