

Re: Upgrade ME to XP

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cdog wrote:

Microsoft customer services have told me, eventually, that i am able to upgrade my existing ME to XP.
What they can't seem to help me with is if i have to save all my existing files and information to disc before i upgrade and then reinstall it or will the XP kick in and automatically use my existing ME files and info.
Any advice would be appreciated.

"Malke" <notreally@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:Ox1IcGjMGHA.2668@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

First back up all your data. Have on hand any drivers for your hardware and programs you will want to reinstall on CD's. Make sure your computer will handle XP – run the Upgrade Advisor first.

Then try an upgrade install. You may be pleasantly surprised. An Upgrade Install will keep all your data and programs intact. If the upgrade does not go well, then do a Clean Install. You will need your ME installation disk as qualifying media.

Upgrade Advisor –

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/howtobuy/upgrading/advisor.asp>

<http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/xpupgdissues.html> – Upgrade Issues

<http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/cleanxpinstall.html> – Clean Install

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"Vagabond Software" <vagabondsw-X-@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Well, I disagree with Gregg on Windows ME and think it is a fine operating system (compared to 95/98). However, I do agree with him that you'll want to reformat and install from scratch.

If you have the media and product keys for all your applications, then all you really care about is the data that you created. Assuming that is the case, there are two easy options. The cheapest is to buy a new hard drive, slap it into the computer, unplug the power from the old hard drive (if you want to be extra careful), and install Windows XP on the new hard drive.

Mind the master/slave jumper when installing the new drive. You'll want to change the jumper on the old drive to be the slave and keep the new drive jumpered as master (the default). Once Windows XP is installed, turn off the computer and plug the power cable into the old hard drive, then turn your computer back on. Voila! All your old data will be just a few mouse-clicks away at all times.

Maybe even easier is to buy one of those external USB drives. Boot into Windows ME, plug the external usb drive into your computer and begin backing up your data to the removable drive. You can then install XP on the hard drive, plug the usb drive into the system and begin retrieving your old data.

Good Luck,

carl

cddog:

In my view the advice you received from Malke is the correct one to follow. Assuming your present Me system is properly functioning; there are no hardware problems that you're aware of, and your hardware is sufficient to cope with the XP OS, there's no reason *not* to use the upgrade path as Malke has recommended to upgrade your system. In virtually every case the upgrade will proceed smoothly and without incident. To be sure, it's always prudent to save your important/critical files prior to undertaking a reinstall.

In your situation I see no overriding reason of the need to undertake a fresh install of XP and then go through the rather onerous task of reinstalling all your programs & data as suggested by Carl. While there's certainly no harm in purchasing a new HD or USB external HD, as Carl suggests, and subsequently configuring your system to handle backups, this additional hardware arrangement should have no particular bearing on the

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desirability to perform an upgrade on your present Me system rather than a fresh install of XP.

Anna

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