

Re: clean windows?

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thank you, I will try your suggestions.

"Ron Martell" wrote:

BooBooBaby <BooBooBaby@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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It appears that you purchased your computer with Windows XP

preinstalled

YES! but I also have a reinstallation disk for windows xp, as well as appropriate drivers and utilities disk, a disk for the monitor, (user documentation) and a disk for some applications. Since I don t remember how exactly to do this system recovery , with the function keys as I sketched in my previous post, (I tried from my notes and it didn t work and it s been too long to remember&.hence asking for detailed instructions), I assume by what you are saying that yes indeed, I could reinstall Windows XP from my disk. The reason I am not on the phone with Dell Tech support is that I have been, but my 1-year warrantee ran out a month ago

If you have a "reinstallation" disk from Dell then it could have a number of different configuration/reinstall options, including one that could allow you to do the equivalent of a "Repair Install" of your Windows XP.

The best way of checking this is to reboot your computer with the reinstallation disk in the drive, let it boot from that CD, and see what the opening menu says. If I recall correctly it should give you several different options.

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Dell doesn't seem to give out their recovery process on their website, I have to pay them now, to walk me through it. And reinstalling Windows from my disk would fix my registry and other problems in operating system? I assume so. Would I have to also reinstall the drivers, etc.? I assume not. Dell initially told me that doing it their way, (that I can't remember clearly), would be faster and easier than using the reinstallation disk. I don't care right now.

As I said above, it depends on just how Dell configured that reinstallation disk and what specific options it gives you for reinstalling Windows.

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where is transfer wizard for windows?

Start – All Programs – Accessories – System Tools – Files and Settings Transfer Wizard. See Files and Settings Transfer Wizard by MVP Gary Woodruff: <http://www.aumha.org/win5/a/fast.htm>

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Where is Windows Update?

<http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com>

Good luck

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On-Line Help Computer Service

<http://onlinehelp.bc.ca>

"Anyone who thinks that they are too small to make a difference has never been in bed with a mosquito."