

Re: Partition new HDD for XP Pro install?

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Thanks for your input Patrick, yeah, I tried to get Lenovo to upgrade either the size or speed of the replacement HDD (to make up for the tech's screwing up and not placing the order with Parts, 3 weeks ago), but they resisted, so, being as it's 'free', I'll stick with the 40 gigs at 4500rpm.

My thoughts on creating the seperate partition for the page file was to give it adequate space and then the isolation would keep it from getting spread all over the HDD, which might speed up the paging process. I assume it would still get fragemented and would benefit from period defragging, if that's possible. I recall having to assign it to a different drive in 98 to get that task done.

I also recall having the single HDD in a 98 machine partitioned to C: and D:, with the OS only on the C: drive, and that made reinstalling 98, after a bad case of something, a whole lot easier.

I understand XP is a whole different animal from 98. That's why I asked. Thanks again.

Patrick Keenan wrote:

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OK, I'm going to bite the bullet and finally install XP, once the new HDD gets here (it's been 3 weeks coming – Lenovo is not IBM), but with all this Think time, I have several more questions.

This is a Thinkpad, the warranty replacement HDD is 40 GB (couldn't talk them in to a bigger one), but I did buy a 160 GB External HDD (USB 2.0) which I intend to use to supplement the internal HDD to store the system backups, app data and media files.

My questions:

What is the consensus regarding partitioning the internal HDD with a C:

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partition for XP, a separate D: partition for the paging file (I think that's what it's called), and the remainder would be an E: partition for frequently used applications, like Quicken, Office and some photo / video utilities? (I am not an exotic user.)

If partitioning is recommended, what is the optimum size for the C: and D: partitions? Since I will be using a CD set supplied by Lenovo to install XP and all the original apps, I may not have any choices prior to installation, but am hopeful I can go b