

Re: upgrading Me to XP Pro compatibitiy questions

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Thanks...I think I have it...

"R. McCarty" wrote:

BIOS is the equivalent of a Starter motor for an auto. When you power on, the BIOS (CMOS) is what gets the PC started. It controls the hardware and after a Self-test hands off control to the Operating System you have installed. Flashing involves running a utility to update the code inside the chip. It provides fixes or updates to the previous code to fix problems or improve the PC's performance.

Acronis True Imaging is a program that you run that takes a full disk and creates a exact/compressed copy it. This output (.tib) can be used to fully restore a PC to it's state when the image is taken. A very useful tool to protect both your data and the PC state (XP & Programs). Imaging has one downfall, if you use it and do not have your personal data separated the recovery will result in loss of personal data back to the date the image was created. (Complicated topic). Images should always be burned to Optical media and stored off the computer. Hard Drives have no "permanency" to them, they can and do fail.

Unless your current system doesn't meet your requirements you should upgrade it. However, I would take some measure to get the current system either Imaged or backed up before upgrading.

Most small Computer Shops will perform this type of work for you. If they do not ask if your data is backed up – find another shop to deal with. AVOID, as Malke says the "Big Store USA" type of Computer Service centers.

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Thank you...

Unfortunately I am marginally computer literate...how do I update BIOS flash code?

I have CA (Computer Associates?) security suite and suspect that will handle AdAware/Spybot step and think I have found Chkdsk function.

On Imaging...Acronis you went over my head...what is it..?

My real options are buy/upgrade hardware to HP 5150 or Dell Precision 390 with XP Pro and Office 2003 installed and then try to transfer my files, settings and links at \$1400–1600 or upgrade current HP Pav software at \$800.

The loss of support on Me caused the loss of HP Pav's CD writer (System can not find the drive).

Both options are a nightmare for near novice computer type and if upgrading fails costing far more, \$2000+ plus cost of having some one come in a recover may data.

Comments?

"R. McCarty" wrote:

Run the Windows XP Upgrade Advisor. It will note applications or hardware that might present issues to XP. HP Pavilions have a track record of incompatible ACPI compliant BIOS. It may be advisable to update the BIOS flash code before upgrading. Most times an upgrade will be fine as long as you prep the machine. I would run AdAware/Spybot and a Chkdsk before starting. As a precaution, I'd use an Imaging program such as Acronis True Image to make your current setup 100% protected. If the upgrade falls down you can recover the Image and proceed from there.

MS XP Upgrade Advisor page:

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

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Have HP Pav 7920 sold as XP ready.
Unit came with Me, I installed Office 2000
(Word, Excel, Outlook,
Access,
Powerpoint), Acrobat 5.0, Calyx Point, and
various credit and mortgage
lender
interfaces. Removed McAfee and later
Norton in favor of CA security
programs.

ME support terminated.

Want to upgrade to XP Pro and preserve
existing data bases in Point and
Access plus files in My Doc etc.

Question #1. Can I upgrade from Me to XP
Pro with detroying my files?

Question # 2. Will Office 2000 work on XP
Pro or do I have to upgrade
to
Office 2003 Pro?

Thank you in advance for any help or
suggestions,
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