

# Re: Install winXP w/o CD ROM

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RedForeman wrote:

On Apr 30, 8:19 am, "AJS" <[newsgr...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:newsgr...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Hello,  
My laptop (P3, 500Mhz) had an external CD ROM drive which I lost.  
I did the following to install XP:  
I moved the HD from this Laptop, inserted it to another Laptop, installed XP on it and then put it back.  
When I turned on the laptop it will not boot only gives choices between "Save Mode" etc. and whatever I chose it went back to that screen.  
How can I install XP without a CD ROM?  
Thanks,  
AJS

I would create a 'network' with another computer, share the CDROM on that computer, and install it from the OTHER cdrom...

You can't install XP from the network unless you have an RIS server set up. I rather doubt the OP does. The best course of action for the OP is to purchase another external optical drive. Since his/her computer is so old, it may not have the ability to boot from a USB device so I would check that first in the BIOS. Otherwise, s/he should contact the laptop mfr. for a replacement or look in the after-market.

As an aside, unless XP was previously installed on that laptop and the OP knows it works, it is likely that XP will not run well and/or there are no drivers for the laptop hardware to support XP. I would definitely check that aspect of the case before going any further.

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