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"Susan B." <newsgroup_only@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote

Hi,

I need to reinstall winXPpro (groan), will be setting up partitions and boot management for other OS's, ***including Vista*** down the road.

Will I be able to set things up so that my copy-protected software ---- heck, all my apps, ideally ---- have only one instance on my system, or, at the very least, where I won't be seen by, say, MS as trying to run two copies of Office, even though it would be my purchased official copy running on just my own computer (same one I registered it on initially)?

I would appreciate any recommendations or thoughts on special details that would not ordinarily crop up under a routine install.

Yes generally it's possible to install the same program in two different OS's but have only one installation location. The program has to be installed in each OS, just point the installation program to the same location for that app. Though it can be done, I don't like doing it that way. I install each app to a separate location for each OS. If something damages the installation files for that program in one OS it can be problematic in another. Updates are also an issue. And a few programs might not work in that configuration.

Licensing is a separate issue. You'll need to check the licenses for each program to see if they allow for multiple installs.

Rock [MS-MVP User/Shell]

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