

Re: Slipstreamed CD

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On Nov 25, 10:52 am, Thee Chicago Wolf <.@.> wrote:

I've just created a slipstreamed installation CD of my original OEM Dell XP SP1 and the network installation of SP2. I used Autostreamer and the process seemed to go fine. It created an ISO file of about 550 MB. I then burned that to a CD making sure it was a bootable disk.

This is the first time I've done this and I'm not sure what the process would be if I wanted to re-install XP. I assume I would insert the CD and then reboot the system. How does the installation process start from the ISO file? Is this automatic -- the necessary installation files are extracted from the ISO file and the installation proceeds from there?

I will also be burning a CD of the extracted SP2 files. Does this CD have to also be a bootable disk? My thinking is that if the slipstreamed CD did not work I could always format the partition, install the OEM XP SP1 and then update to XP SP2 from the 2nd CD. Of course, I would have to then re-install the latest drivers, Windows updates, programs, data, etc. but I've got all that backed up on an external hard drive and I know how to do that.

I would appreciate any input on this. I have done a couple of format/clean installs of XP before but obviously it's a long process having to use an XP SP1 CD, then updating to XP SP2 via Windows Update.

A better way to do the job is to use NLite 1.4 as it takes all of this work out of the user's hand and packages it up for you as a finished ISO if you like. Blank CDs being cheap, I'd give it a shot.

– Thee Chicago Wolf

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I actually did use nLite on my second attempt. Once I OK'd the removal of Software Update files it completed the process. I checked the folder where I had transferred the Dell XP SP1 files and the update files had been removed there. I had configured it to make it a bootable CD and I think it was successful. Here are a couple of screen shots. 1st shows th