

# Re: downgrade vista to xp HELP !!!

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Tillpott wrote:

Hi

would someone please give me step by step instructions on how to downgrade a new HP desktop from vista to xp?

I am blonde but capable ... lol ... and I can follow instructions . . . lol

thanks in advance

It's your computer, so the choice is, ultimately, yours. (Although it would have been a lot simpler to have just purchased the computer with WinXP installed, to start with.)

However, there could be a couple possible adverse repercussions of which you should be aware. First and foremost, if the specific computer model in question was designed specifically for Vista, there may well be no WinXP-specific device drivers available to make the computer's diverse components work properly. Consult the computer's manufacturer about the availability of device drivers. Secondly, removing an OEM-installed operating system and replacing it with another will almost invariably void any and all support agreements and, sometimes, even the warranty. You would, at the very least, have to re-install Vista before getting any support from the manufacturer. Again, consult the computer's manufacturer for specifics. Thirdly, there may be the additional cost involved in purchasing a WinXP license for this new computer.

After backing up any data you wish to transfer to the new OS installation, simply boot from the WinXP installation CD. You'll be offered the opportunity to delete, create, and format partitions as part of the installation process. (You may need to re-arrange the order of boot devices in the PC's BIOS to boot from the CD.)

HOW TO Install Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB;en-us;316941>

<http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/cleanxpinstall.html>

[http://www.webtree.ca/windowsxp/clean\\_install.htm](http://www.webtree.ca/windowsxp/clean_install.htm)

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Then, assuming you were successful in obtaining WinXP-specific device drivers so that the computer can be made to work with WinXP, the backed up data can be restored and applications (those that are WinXP-compatible, that is) re-installed.

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<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx/kb/555375>

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.  
~Benjamin Franklin

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. ~Bertrand Russell

The philosopher has never killed any priests, whereas the priest has killed a great many philosophers.  
~ Denis Diderot

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