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Great info, thanks very much!

"Malke" <malke@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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JMF wrote:

I bought XP Pro for my desktop.

Now I'm in the market for a new laptop. The new laptops seem only to have Vista on them.

I'm curious about removing the OEM Vista and replacing it with my XP Pro that I bought.

That raises two questions:

– am I allowed to take the XP Pro that I bought and also install it on my laptop?

– what kind of trouble am I asking for (and I'm sure there is trouble, ranging from "some" to "plenty") by replacing the original OEM Vista with XP Pro?

General information about replacing Vista with XP:

A. On an OEM (HP, Sony, etc.) computer:

1. Go to the OEM's website and look for XP drivers for your specific model computer. If there are no XP drivers, then you can't install XP. End of story. If there are drivers, download them and store on a CD-R or USB thumbdrive; you'll need them after you install XP.

2. Check with the OEM – either from their tech support website or by calling them – to see if you will void your warranty if you do this. If you will

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void the warranty, you make the decision.

3. If the OEM does support XP on the machine, call them and see if you can have downgrade rights and have them send you an XP restore disk. This will be far the easiest and best way of getting XP on the machine.

4. If XP is supported on the machine but the OEM doesn't have an XP restore disk for you, understand that you'll need to purchase a retail copy of XP from your favorite online or brick/mortar store.

5. Also understand that you will need to do a clean install of XP so if you have any data you want, back it up first.

<http://michaelstevensstech.com/cleanxpinstall.html> – Clean Install How-To
http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page2.html#Reinstalling_Windows – What you will need on-hand

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