

Re: Installing XP on another computer

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"db... ><))) ·>` .. ." wrote:

when the o.s. tries to
activate after its installed,
the activation will fail.

however, a phone number
will be provided where a
activation specialist from
india can provide you with
a new activation code to
input manually.

the above is relatively easy
but sometimes burdensome
with less than perfect english
speaking helpers.

the next question and more importantly
than the above is the whether
or not you are prepared to sacrifice
the license for the vista software.

because if you plan to reinstall
winxp as your default o.s., then
you will have to wipe away the
vista o.s. in its entirety if you are
going to downgrade your machine.

on the other hand, i would suggest
that perhaps you install winxp as
a secondary o.s.

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the above requires a little planning because i am a firm believer in installing one o.s. per disk and not per partition on a single disk.

but if you do and because you have a laptop with a single disk but with ample room, then perhaps a program from microsoft.com called virtual pc would be a tool to keep your hardware abstract layer—ing stable, as it was intended for use by multiple o.s.'s on a single disk.

lastly, but yet not less of any importance to the above is that you should double check with your laptops maker to ensure that the machine is fully compatible with winxp, because you may also need to downgrade your device drivers

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I installed XP on my computer but that computer in not repairable. I now have a laptop with Vista and I want to use the XP install disk as a second OS. I bought the XP disk from Best Buy (not pirated). Is it possible to install and activate on the new machine? I have a good idea on how to install it but I need to know if it's legal.

I don't know what an OEM is but the Gateway computer that is not repairable came with Windows ME. Years later, I bought and upgraded to XP. Eventually, I bought a laptop with Vista Home Basic. However, I don't like Vista and it's not compatible with some programs that I have, namely, Adobe GoLive. All I want to do is install XP to a partition on my laptop. That's all.

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Thank you for your replies. Any more info would be greatly appreciated.
If you'd like more information from me, please let me know.
Bob