

## Re: XP on Dell 160 OptiPlex motherboard???

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Jethro wrote:

Would the version of XP on a machine with a Dell 160 OptiPlex motherboard be different than a standard Windows XP (Home or Pro)?

Well, Dell's OEM installation CDs are specifically designed to install only on Dell hardware, as an anti-piracy measure, and usually contain the necessary device drivers specific to the model Dell for which they're intended. So, yes, Dell's OEM CDs are different from any other computer Manufacturer's OEM CDs and the generic retail installation CDs.

I am wondering if a standard XP disk would install and run okay on that motherboard.

If by "standard" you mean a retail WinXP installation CD, certainly. You will need to download and have ready to install the proper device drivers for the motherboard's chipset and any other integrated components.

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–Benjamin Franklin

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

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