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I managed to mangle the many pins on the bottom side of the cpu while tinkering awkwardly with the machines hardware.

It's a P4 3.2ghz. – P4C800–DE mobo – Was running windows XP pro

I actually managed to snap several of fine little pins clear off while attempting to straighten them.

I found a replacement on ebay and will be installing it soon. But it finally worked it's way into my peabrain that I would no doubt have to completely re–install the OS from scratch.

Probably not.

An OS reinstall is to account for changed – meaning DIFFERENT – hardware, such as a different drive controller.

You will be replacing with essentially an exact duplicate. No reinstall should be required, at least not for that reason.

HTH
–pk

A few things occurred to me that might be stumbling blocks.

Will I have a problem from microsoft getting the re–install activated? (I do own the disk and serial number) But actually have 2 purchased disks with different serial numbers... and am not sure which was installed on that machine... One disk is from back before s/p 2 the other includes s/p 2.

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I'm not sure now which was on there.

Also, I wondered if it might be a lot easier to restore an image made with ghost?

The image is of a different machine with somewhat different hardware that is also running Windows XP pro. and has sp/3 installed.

Seems like I could work out the hardware differences just by installing what ever is different. (I do have or can get the drivers and whatever) and uninstalling anything that isn't actually on the machine, through the hardware manager.

But again, will I run into problems authenticating the OS with microsoft?

And finally, I've never done a cpu replacement so not really sure what all is involved after the replacement in terms of getting an OS installed and in running order.

Maybe someone who has done such a replacement might supply a brief outline of what need to happen?