

Re: Windows XP Home upgrade to Professional Edition

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In order to upgrade from XP Home to XP Pro, you need the "Retail Upgrade Version" of XP Pro. If you purchased an "OEM Version" of XP Pro, that version cannot upgrade.

Since "OEM Versions" of Windows XP cannot upgrade over an existing Windows installation, you'll need to backup your important files and prepare for a "Clean Install".

The Windows XP CD is bootable and contains all the tools necessary to partition and format your drive. Follow this procedure and allow Windows XP to partition and format your drive:

NOTE: It would be best to physically disconnect all your peripheral hardware devices, except the monitor, mouse and keyboard, before installing XP.

NOTE: If you have an internal Zip Drive installed, physically disconnect the EIDE and power cable to it before proceeding, otherwise your main hard drive may not be assigned the customary C: drive letter. After installing Windows XP, you may then reconnect it.

1. Open your BIOS and set your "CD Drive as the first bootable device".

====> Accessing Motherboard BIOS

====> http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/bios_manufacturer.htm

2. Insert your Windows XP CD in the CD Drive and reboot your computer.

3. You'll see a message to boot to the CD...follow the instructions.

4. The setup menu will appear and you should elect to delete all the existing Windows partitions, then create a new partition, then format the primary partition (preferably NTFS) and proceed to install Windows XP.

5. Clean Install Windows XP

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

[Courtesy of Michael Stevens, MS-MVP]

6. ==> Immediately after installing Windows XP, turn on XP's Firewall.
==> <http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/>
7. After Windows XP is installed, visit the Windows Update website and download the available "Critical Updates".
8. After installing the critical updates, be sure and visit the support website of the manufacturer of the computer to download and install any available Windows XP compatible drivers, such as video adapter and audio drivers.
9. If you happen to run into any installation difficulties, use the following resources:

How to Troubleshoot Windows XP Problems During Installation
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:EN-US:310064>

Troubleshooting Windows XP Setup
http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_setup.htm

[Courtesy of MS-MVP Kelly Theriot]

Note: If you are unable to activate Windows XP via the internet, then select the option to "activate by telephone".

Also Note:

Notebook computers require the installation of specialized hardware drivers only the notebook manufacturer can provide.

Visit the support website of the manufacturer of your laptop and download the Windows XP drivers designed for your specific laptop model, including the video adapter and audio device drivers, after upgrading to XP Pro.

After installing the new drivers, right-click on your Desktop and select: Properties > Settings and change the Color Quality to Highest (32-bit), then adjust the Screen Resolution to your liking.

Then visit <http://www.microsoft.com/typography/cleartype/default.htm> and click on "ClearType Tuner Updated".

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<http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/>

"Carlos" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message:
news:CC84D999-D599-4511-9045-78DC4BD0E586@microsoft.com...

| Please I need urgent help with the following.

| I am running a Laptop with XP Home Edition and tried to install the newest XP Professional. Everything going OK until I need to restart the computer. The Professional Edition does not upgrade automatically like other friendly programs do. Now I have two menus at start and I need to choose what to use.

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| How can I leave only the Professional Edition?
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| Thank You
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| Carlos