

Re: Second-hand computer purchase and license...

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Carmen,

If you have the CD AND Product Key/Certificate of Authenticity, YOU are the legal owner of the software license!

Something that you stated doesn't compute. <g> If you "wiped the HDD" then you wouldn't see anyone's name at all.

Best recommendation in a case where you are getting a second-hand system is to indeed wipe the HDD and do a clean install of the OS and any applications. That will protect you in case there are any viruses or spyware lurking on the machine. Although you can change the folder and remove the prior user's info, I highly recommend the clean install approach.

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Regards,
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"Carmen Gauvin-O'Donnell" <seegod1@cogeco.ca> wrote in message
news:OblIHieiEHA.2812@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
>I have a computer that was bought second-hand that has a legitimate Windows
> XP Home Edition on it. However, although I've reset the logon for myself
> and
> wiped the HD, it is still putting stuff in c:\documents and
> settings\Suzanne
> Milliken which is the name of the original owner... can I change this, or
> will it cock up all the settings that depend on it?
>
> Also, now that I own the computer, am I considered the legitimate owner of
> the XP license or do I have to purchase a separate license of some sort to
> make it "mine", as it were? If this helps, have no trouble downloading all
> the necessary updates for the computer...
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> Thanks in advance!
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