

## RE: SP2 Paranoia

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You probably didn't read my entire post, but thanks anyway for responding.

>-----Original Message-----

>If you are paranoid, maybe you shouldn't upgrade...

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>How to successfully install Windows XP Service Pack 2:

><http://www.fixyourwindows.com/winxpsp2install.htm>

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>Hope this helps!

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>Spyware/Virus Removal and Prevention:

><http://www.fixyourwindows.com/windowsxpsolutions.htm>

>(Links to online virus scans on the same page)

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>How to optimize Windows XP, 2000, ME

>for the best performance (Step-by-step Visual Guide):

><http://www.fixyourwindows.com>

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>"Nobody Special" wrote:

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>> I'm really paranoid about doing the SP2 update. All the

>> Microsoft Knowledge Base articles I read tell me that I

>> will need my Windows XP CD ROM if I need to do something

>> or other to my system. I have serious problems with that.

>> First off, my HP Pavilion Desktop computer didn't come

>> with a Windows XP CD. It came with a system restore

>> utility instead. Couple of problems with that - what

>> happens if my computer won't boot to Windows? How do I

get  
>> *to that utility? Plus, the last time I had to do that,*  
it  
>> *reinstalled Windows XP alright – the ORIGINAL system*  
that  
>> *came with the computer. All my programs and data were*  
>> *gone! and it took me four months of headaches to get my*  
>> *system back to where it was, and that was because some*  
dll  
>> *file or whatever someplace went capoots. With almost*  
>> *100,000 files presently on my computer, you can*  
appreciate  
>> *why I'm just a tad paranoid about doing anything that*  
>> *might make it unusable, especially reading all the*  
horror  
>> *stories out there regarding problems with SP2. So, I*  
guess  
>> *my real question is whether or not there is some*  
>> *relatively painless way to back up my system. I have*  
>> *Norton Ghost and yesterday decided to do the backup*  
>> *process with Ghost. Well, everything went just fine*  
until  
>> *the last (10th) CD when Norton Ghost crashed and*  
wouldn't  
>> *restart from where it left off. As you might imagine, I*  
>> *was just a tad more than pi\*\*ed off. I proceeded to*  
>> *uninstall Norton Ghost and lo and behold, this morning*  
I  
>> *noticed that all my System Restore points had gone*  
>> *byebyes. Would one of you highly informed tech types*  
>> *please help me out here with some good advice? I'd*  
really  
>> *really appreciate it. Thanks in advance.*  
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